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OAKHEART...

HOW DARE YOU
HUNT IN THUNDERCLAN
TERRITORY?!

tch.

AFTER
TONIGHT...

...SUNNINGROCKS
WILL BELONG TO
RIVERCLAN!





TIGERCLAW!

THERE ARE TOO
MANY! THUNDERCLAN
MUST RETREAT!

THUNDERCLAN HAS NOT
BEEN DEFEATED IN ITS
OWN TERRITORY SINCE
I BECAME LEADER.

THESE ARE
DIFFICULT TIMES
FOR US.

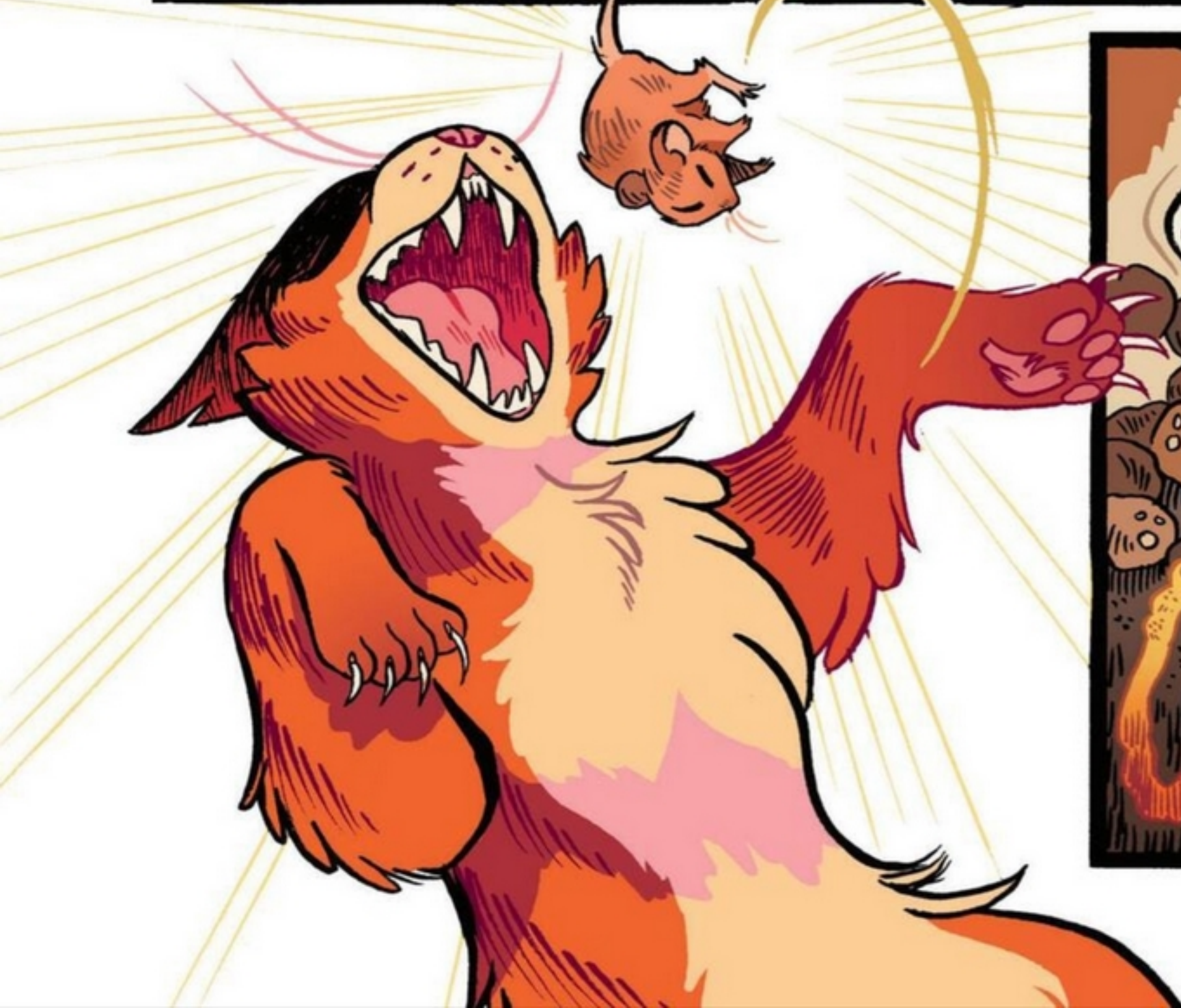






**PART ONE:
INTO THE WILD**



















FINE!



I'D RATHER GO
DOWN FIGHTING!




COME ON--



BOOF!








YOU MUST
HAVE HEARD
OF THE FOUR
WARRIOR
CLANS?

...



EACH CLAN IS
A GROUP OF WILD
CATS THAT LIVE
AROUND HERE.

THESE ARE
THE FOUR CLANS:

FIERCE AND
HONORABLE
THUNDERCLAN...

SLEEK AND
POWERFUL
RIVERCLAN...

...WISE AND SWIFT
WINDCLAN...

...AND PROUD, CRUEL
SHADOWCLAN.

GRAYPAW.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO CLOSE TO TWOLEGPLACE?

AND WHO...

...IS THIS?

H-HE'S JUST A TWOLEG PET, BLUESTAR!

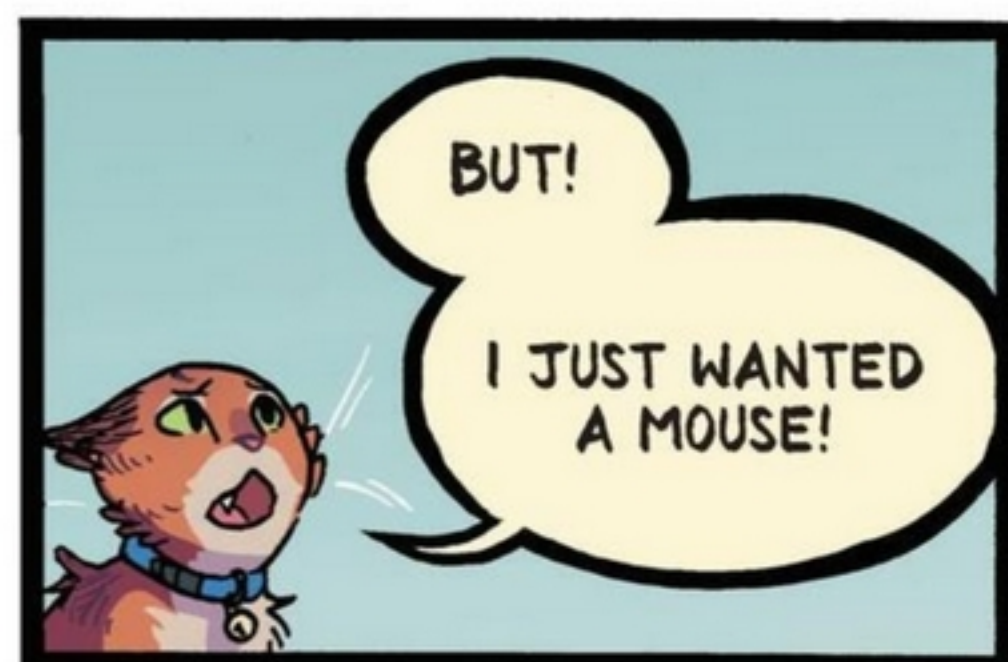
PAT PAT

HEY--

TINK!


HE'S NOT AN ENEMY WARRIOR, HE'S JUST A LITTLE KITTYPET!











YOU CANNOT
LIVE WITH A PAW
IN BOTH WORLDS.

IF YOU WISH TO
JOIN US, YOU WILL HAVE
TO LEAVE THE **EASY LIFE**
YOU HAVE NOW.

THE FOREST IS **CRUEL** AND
DANGEROUS, AND THE CLAN
DEMANDS GREAT LOYALTY
AND HARD WORK.

BUT IN
RETURN...

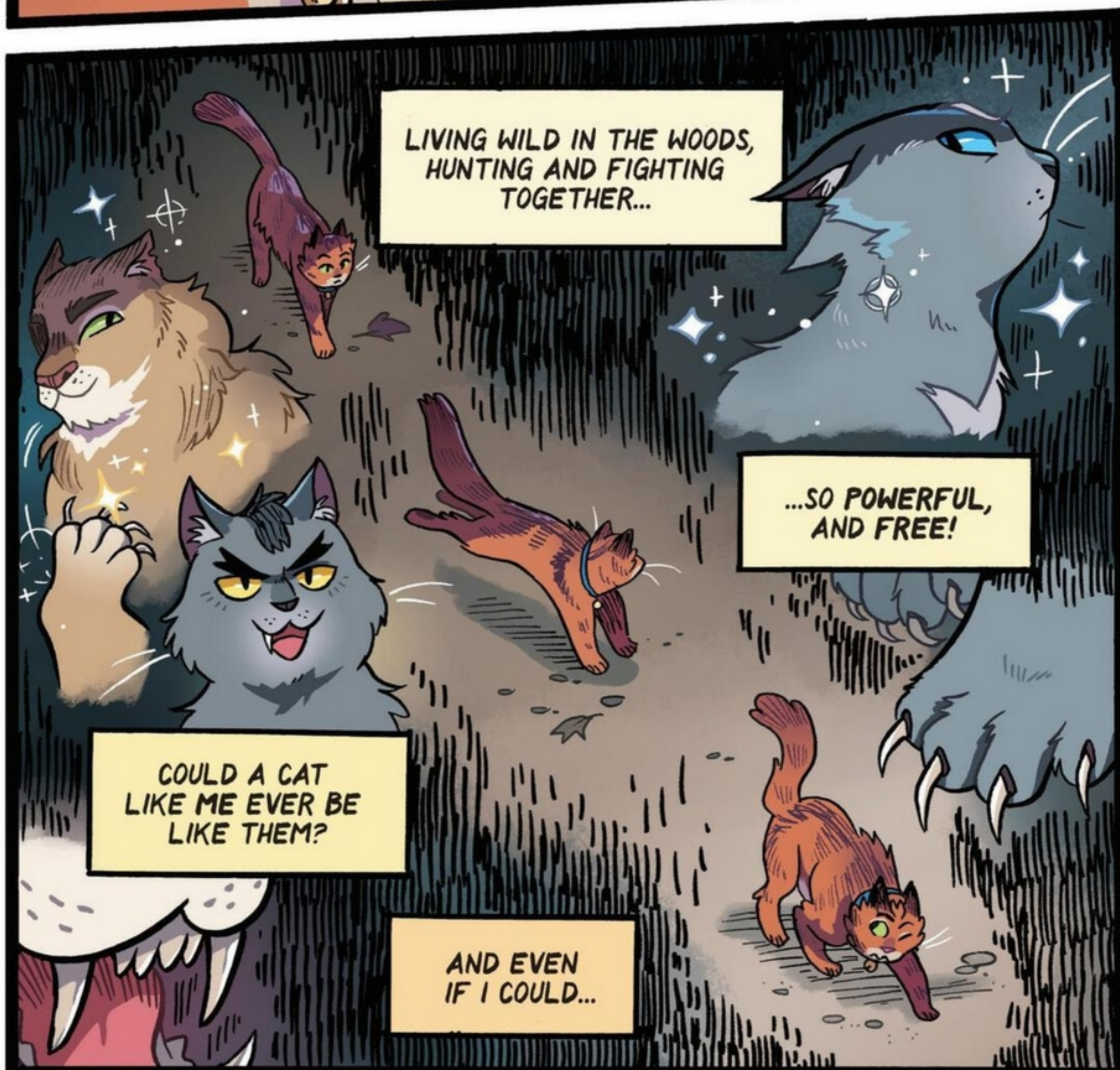
...THE STRENGTH AND
FELLOWSHIP OF THUNDERCLAN
WILL **ALWAYS** BE WITH YOU,
EVEN WHEN YOU HUNT ALONE.

YOU WILL
LIVE WITH US.

YOU WILL
LEARN OUR
WAY OF LIFE.

YOU WILL
TRAIN TO
BECOME...

...A **WARRIOR**.









THIS IS THE
THUNDERCLAN
CAMP.

THE NURSERY

HIGHROCK

MEDICINE
CAT'S DEN

BLUESTAR'S
DEN

THE ELDERS'
DEN

THE FRESHKILL
PILE

THE WARRIORS'
DEN

THE APPRENTICES'
DEN

GORSE TUNNEL







WHERE DOES
HE COME FROM?

WHO IS
HE?

I DON'T RECOGNIZE
THAT CLAN SCENT!

LOOK AT
HIS COLLAR!

THAT'S NO
CLAN CAT! THAT'S
A KITTYPET!

HE'D JUST BE
ANOTHER SOFT
MOUTH TO FEED.

HE'D NEVER BE ABLE
TO DEFEND THUNDERCLAN
LIKE A WILD-BORN CAT!



IF YOUR TWOLEG STENCH
DOESN'T GIVE US AWAY
TO EVERY ENEMY WARRIOR
IN THE TERRITORIES...

THAT
LITTLE BELL
COLLAR WILL!

RUSTY.

TINK!





LONGTAIL SMELLS
YOUR FEAR.

WE
ALL DO.

THIS IS A
CHALLENGE.



PROVE TO
ALL OF
THUNDERCLAN...



THAT YOU WON'T
BACK DOWN!







ENOUGH.





STARCLAN HAS
SHOWN THEIR
APPROVAL!

BY THROWING
OFF HIS COLLAR, THIS
CAT FREES HIMSELF
FROM HIS TWOLEGS.

moo
TPT!



YOU FIGHT LIKE
A FLASH OF FIRE,
YOUNG ONE.



AND NOW,
FROM THIS DAY
FORWARD...



YOU SHALL
BE KNOWN AS
FIREPAW!

FIREPAW!

FIREPAW!

AN APPRENTICE
OF THUNDERCLAN!



huff huff
GASP!

B-BLESTAR....!





REDTAIL!!



TIGERCLAW, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

HE DIED WITH HONOR, STRUCK DOWN IN BATTLE.



OAKHEART IS THE DEPUTY OF RIVERCLAN. HE'S A FEARSOME WARRIOR.



I COULDN'T SAVE REDTAIL, BUT I WAS ABLE TO AVENGE HIM...



I TOOK OAKHEART'S LIFE AS HE GLOATED OVER THE VICTORY.



HIS DEATH WASN'T IN VAIN, BLUESTAR.

RIVERCLAN WON'T BE COMING BACK TO SUNNINGROCKS ANYTIME SOON.



I SEE.

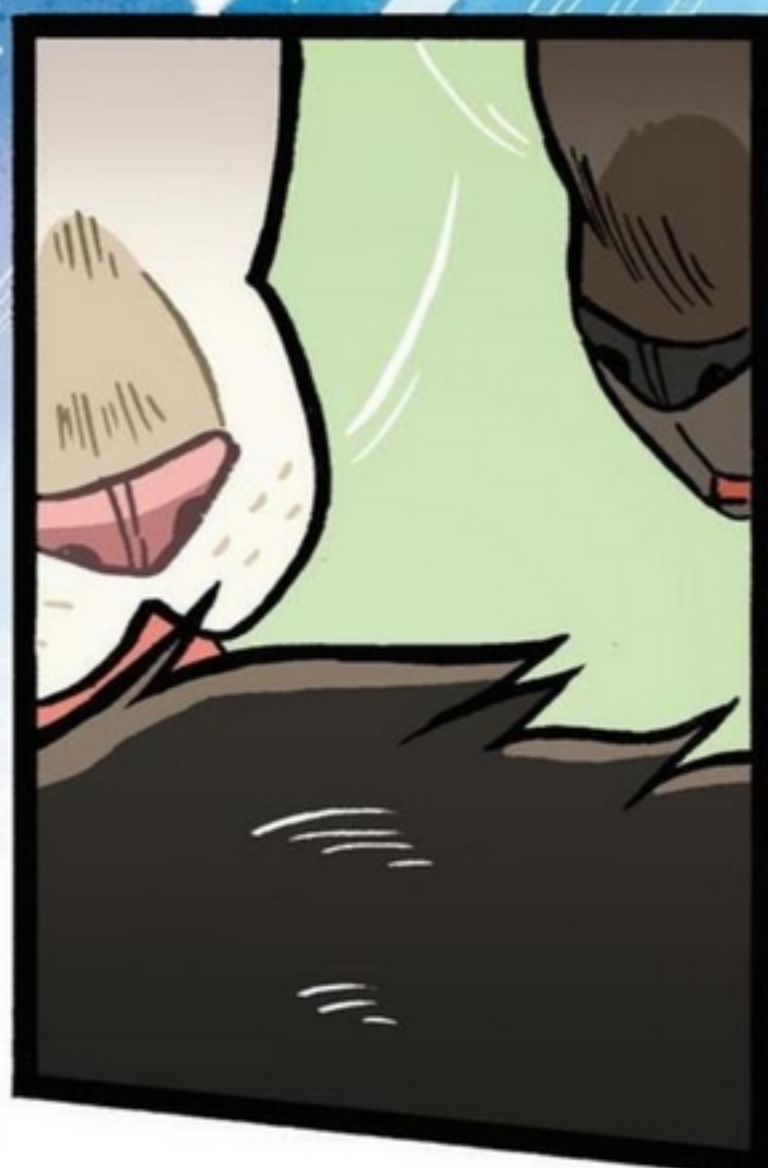
WELL FOUGHT, TIGERCLAW.



AFTER HONORABLE
WARRIORS DIE, THEY
JOIN THE STARS.

EACH ONE IS A
STARCLAN WARRIOR WHO
ONCE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE US,
NOW WATCHING US
FROM ABOVE.

REDTAIL JOINS
THEM TONIGHT.



WELL,
SPOTTEDLEAF?

WILL RAVENPAW
RECOVER, OR WAS ALL
MY TRAINING HIM
UP WASTED?












THE TIME HAS
COME TO **APPOINT**
A **NEW DEPUTY**.




FIRST, WE MUST
GIVE THANKS
FOR THE LIFE
OF **REDTAIL**.



HE SITS
WITH HIS FELLOW
WARRIORS IN
STARCLAN NOW.

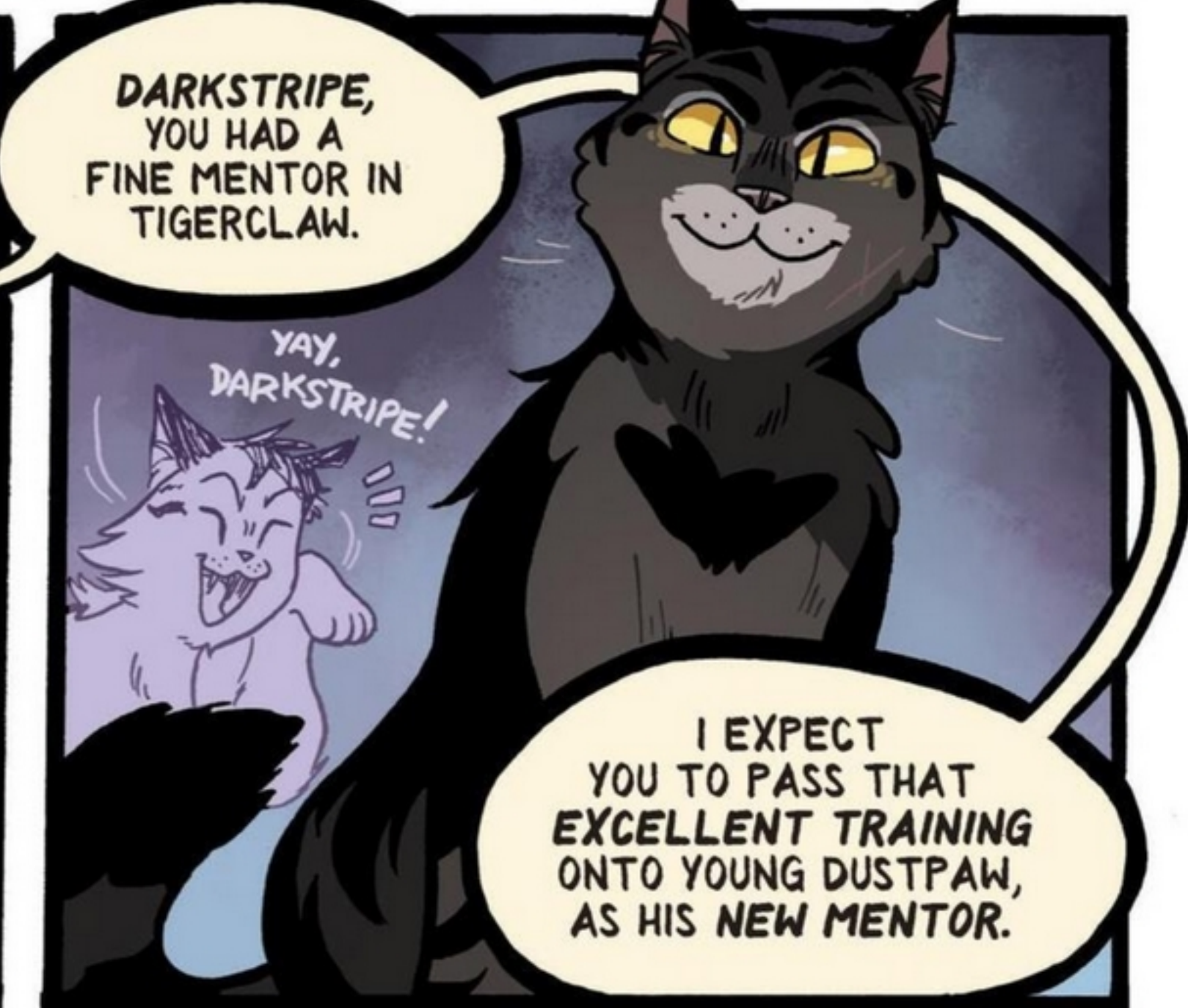


I NAME THIS **NEW**
DEPUTY SO THAT HIS
SPIRIT CAN HEAR AND
APPROVE MY CHOICE.



THE **NEW DEPUTY**
OF **THUNDERCLAN**
WILL BE...

LIONHEART.









TODAY WE'LL BE SHOWING YOU THUNDERCLAN'S TERRITORY AND BORDERS.



TO WINDCLAN TERRITORY

FOURTREES



THE THUNDERPATH IS WHERE MONSTERS TRAVEL. IT'S VERY DANGEROUS TO CROSS.

TO SHADOWCLAN TERRITORY

THUNDERCLAN CAMP

GREAT SYCAMORE

SANDY HOLLOW



SNAKEROCKS

SUNNINGROCKS


TO RIVERCLAN TERRITORY

THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH RIVERCLAN. THEY SWIM AND CATCH FISH HERE, BUT SUNNINGROCKS IS OURS.



TALL PINES

TO TWOLEGPLACE




AND THIS...

IS *FOURTREES*, WHERE ALL FOUR CLAN TERRITORIES INTERSECT.


FOUR GREAT OAKS, ONE FOR EACH CLAN.



WOW...



WE **WARRIORS** DRAW STRENGTH FROM OUR CLAN LOYALTIES AND RIVALRIES.




THEY MAKE US WHO WE ARE.




BUT EVERY FULL MOON...

IT IS TRADITION FOR THE CLANS TO **GATHER IN PEACE** TO SHARE NEWS AND STORIES.



WAIT, THAT MEANS THERE'S ONE TONIGHT, RIGHT?



FAST LEARNER!



ARE FIREPAW AND I GOING THIS TIME?



NO.







I WANT EACH OF YOU TO GO CATCH AND BRING BACK A PIECE OF PREY.



CONCENTRATE, FIREPAW!

SNIFF
SNIFF



YOU'RE A CLAN CAT NOW!



YOU CAN DO THIS!



JUST LIKE LIONHEART SAID...



**WEIGHT ON
MY HAUNCHES...**



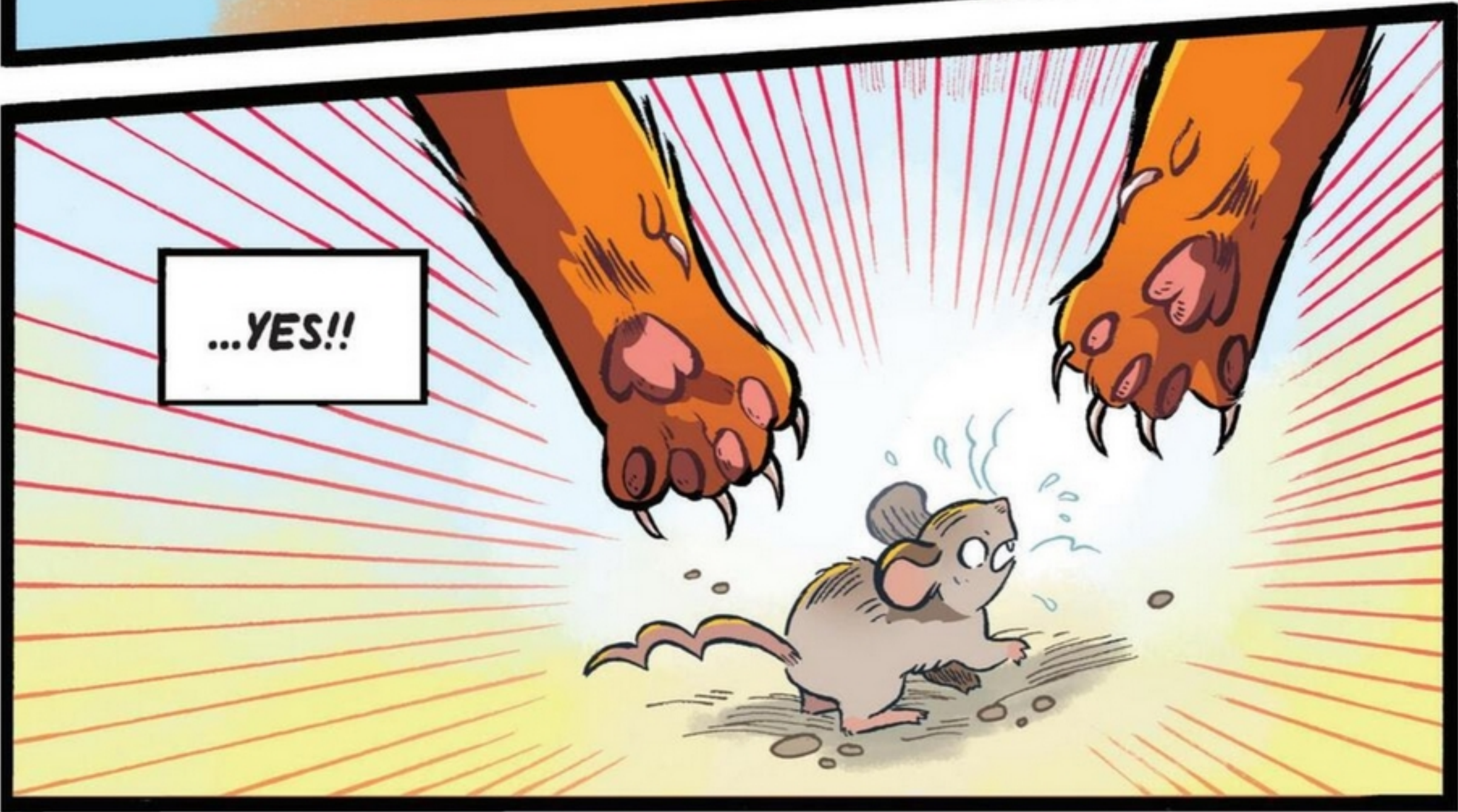
**...PAWSTEPS
LIGHT...**

...CAREFUL...



**...EYES
UNBLINKING...**

...FOCUSED...



...YES!!

I DID IT.

SQUE--

CRUNCH!

I CAUGHT MY
FIRST PREY...

...AS A
THUNDERCLAN CAT!





CATCHING AND EATING MY OWN PREY...

...TRULY, THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR!



THE NEXT TWO
MOONS PASS BY
IN A FLASH.

GRAYPAW, RAVENPAW, AND I
TRAIN HARD TOGETHER TO
LEARN THE WAYS OF THE FOREST
AND THE WARRIOR CODE.

LIFE IN THE WOODS
ISN'T EASY...

...BUT I CAN'T SHOW
ANY WEAKNESS.

I CAN'T SHOW
ANY DOUBTS.

I WILL BECOME
A WARRIOR!



SPOTTEDLEAF?



LIONHEART SENT ME TO GATHER THESE HERBS FOR YOU!



THANK YOU.

I hope they're the right ones...




FIREPAW, RIGHT?

SO, HAS BLUESTAR ASSIGNED YOU A MENTOR YET?






ARE YOU READY FOR
TIGERCLAW'S HUNTING
ASSESSMENT TODAY?




A NICE BIT OF
EXERCISE SHOULD
WARM ME UP,
HONESTLY!

but you
never know
with Tigerclaw...




RUSTLE!!



LIONHEART AND I
HAVE SPENT THE LAST
TWO MOONS TRYING TO
TEACH YOU TO HUNT
DECENTLY.



THE TIME
HAS COME FOR
YOU TO SHOW ME
WHAT YOU'VE
LEARNED.



FOR THIS
ASSESSMENT...

...EACH OF YOU WILL
TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE
AND HUNT AS MUCH PREY
AS YOU CAN FIND.

RAVENPAW,
YOU WILL FOLLOW
THE TRAIL PAST THE
GREAT SYCAMORE
TO SNAKEROCKS.



THAT SHOULD BE
EASY ENOUGH FOR
YOUR PITIFUL SKILLS.

GRAYPAW,
THE ROUTE ALONG
THE STREAM.



hooray,
wet paws
for me!

AND YOU,
FIREPAW...



...WILL GO THROUGH
TALLPINES TO THE
TWOLEGPLACE WOODS.

AND REMEMBER...



I WILL BE
WATCHING
ALL OF YOU.











I THOUGHT
T'D NEVER SEE
YOU AGAIN!

PRINCESS...

SMUDGE AND I
WERE SO WORRIED
ABOUT YOU!

DO YOU
HAVE NEW
HOUSEFOLK?

OH, YOU *MUST*,
IF YOU'RE
STILL ALIVE!

ALTHOUGH, CLEARLY
THEY'RE NOT FEEDING
YOU ENOUGH...

WHEN DID
MY BROTHER GET
SO SCRAWNY...?





LIVING WILD...





I KNOW WHO
I AM, NOW.

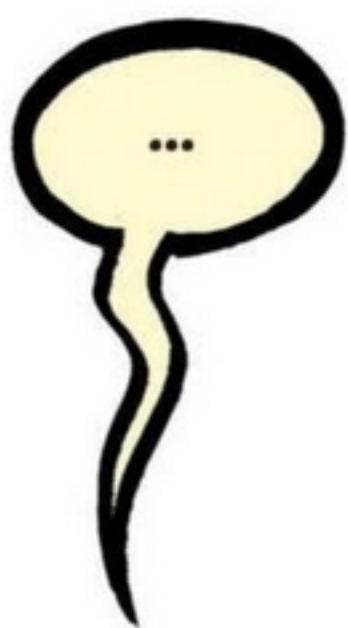
IN THUNDERCLAN,
I AM THE CAT THAT
I ALWAYS DREAMED
OF BEING.

















PART TWO:
YELLOWFANG



























WE'LL DECIDE WHAT
TO DO ABOUT BOTH OF
YOU BACK AT CAMP.

CAN YOU WALK,
YELLOWFANG?

I'VE STILL GOT
THREE GOOD LEGS
LEFT, YES.

GOOD.



BLUESTAR, ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY LEADING AN
ENEMY WARRIOR RIGHT INTO
THUNDERCLAN CAMP?!

SHE'LL SPREAD
OUR SECRETS TO EVERY
CAT IN SHADOWCLAN!

YELLOWFANG
SAYS SHE'S A
LONER NOW.

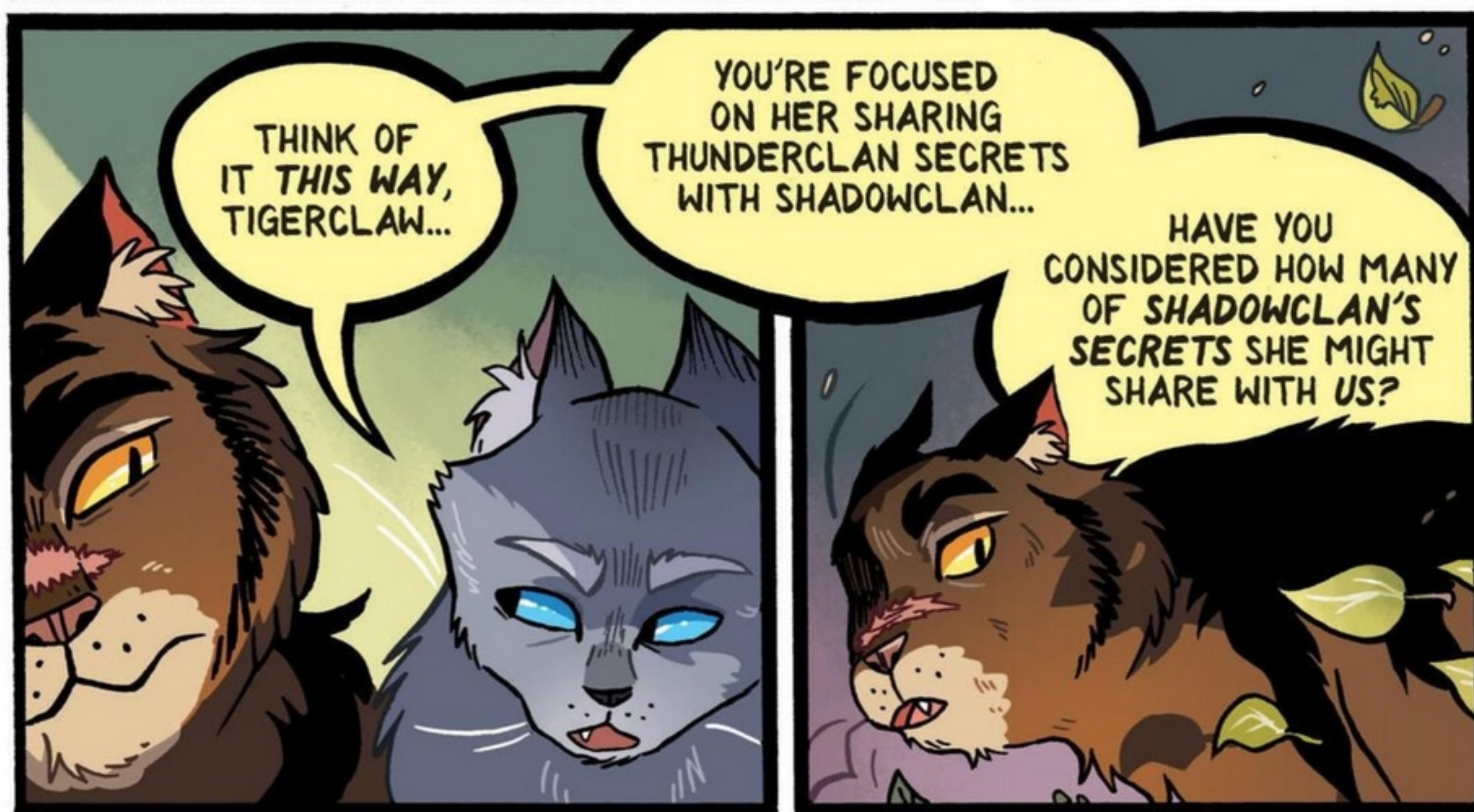
...AND YOU
BELIEVE
HER?!



THINK OF
IT THIS WAY,
TIGERCLAW...

YOU'RE FOCUSED
ON HER SHARING
THUNDERCLAN SECRETS
WITH SHADOWCLAN...

HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED HOW MANY
OF SHADOWCLAN'S
SECRETS SHE MIGHT
SHARE WITH US?



















WOW...

THERE ARE SO
MANY CATS!

I DON'T SEE OR
SMELL **WINDCLAN**
ANYWHERE, THOUGH.

THEY MAY
JUST BE LATE
TONIGHT.

IN THE
MEANTIME,
YOU SHOULD
MINGLE WITH
THE OTHER
CLANS.

NOD!

THIS IS A GREAT
OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET AND LEARN
ABOUT YOUR
ENEMIES.





...I WRESTLED
WITH THE STRENGTH
OF LIONCLAN ITSELF
AND THREW THEM
OFF, ONE BY ONE...

...BACK BEFORE
THE DAYS OF TWOLEGS,
OF COURSE, YOU'D FIND IT
GROWING EVERYWHERE,
AND GREENCOUGH DEATHS
WERE COMPLETELY
UNHEARD OF...

THAT'S
WHERE WE
COME FROM.

WE ARE ALL
DESCENDED FROM
THE GREAT
WARRIORS...

NOD!



LIONCLAN,
WITH THEIR GOLDEN
FUR LIKE THE SUN,
GIVES US OUR
STRENGTH.

TIGERCLAN,
BIG AS HORSES AND
DARK-STRIPED, LETS
US HUNT AT NIGHT.

LEOPARDCLAN,
WITH SPOTTED FUR
LIKE PAW PRINTS,
MAKES US SWIFT
AND AGILE...

WOW!

OH, THERE'S
RAVENPAW!







FRIENDS,
I COME TO
YOU TONIGHT TO
SPEAK ABOUT--



WHERE IS
TALLSTAR?

WE CANNOT
START WITHOUT
ALL FOUR CLANS!

yeah!



AS LEADER
OF SHADOWCLAN,
IT IS MY RIGHT TO
ADDRESS YOU HERE!

HISSSSS!!

YOU MUST
LISTEN TO WHAT
I HAVE TO SAY!



THE HARSH LEAF-BARE
AND LATE NEWLEAF HAS
LEFT CATS OF ALL CLANS
WITH SCARCE PREY.

STEP.

WE ALL
KNOW THIS.




WE ALSO KNOW THAT
WINDCLAN, RIVERCLAN,
AND THUNDERCLAN
HAVE LOST KITS TO
THE CHILL.

BUT SHADOWCLAN KITS
ARE BORN HARDENED TO
THE COLD NORTH WIND.



OUR
KITS ARE
STRONG.

BUT STILL,
THEY MUST
BE FED.



THE NEEDS
OF SHADOWCLAN
ARE SIMPLE:

WE MUST EXPAND
OUR HUNTING TERRITORY
TO SURVIVE.

YOU MUST ALLOW
SHADOWCLAN TO
HUNT IN YOUR
TERRITORIES.



SHARE HUNTING
GROUNDS?!

THE CLANS
HAVE NEVER
DONE THIS!

THIS
CANNOT BE!

WHAT
ABOUT OUR
OWN KITS?!

...I
SEE.

WINDCLAN ALSO
FAILED TO SEE
THINGS OUR WAY.

MY WARRIORS AND I
HAD NO CHOICE BUT
TO DRIVE THEM
OUT BY FORCE.

IF WE HAVE TO,
WE WILL DRIVE YOU
ALL OUT TO FEED
OUR OWN.



I...



...I HAVE
ALREADY AGREED
TO ALLOW SHADOWCLAN
HUNTING RIGHTS IN THE
RIVER THAT RUNS
THROUGH RIVERCLAN
TERRITORY.



WITHOUT
CONSULTING
OUR CLAN?!

IT'S WHAT'S
BEST FOR
OUR CLAN.

FOR ALL
CLANS.



AND YOU,
BLUESTAR?

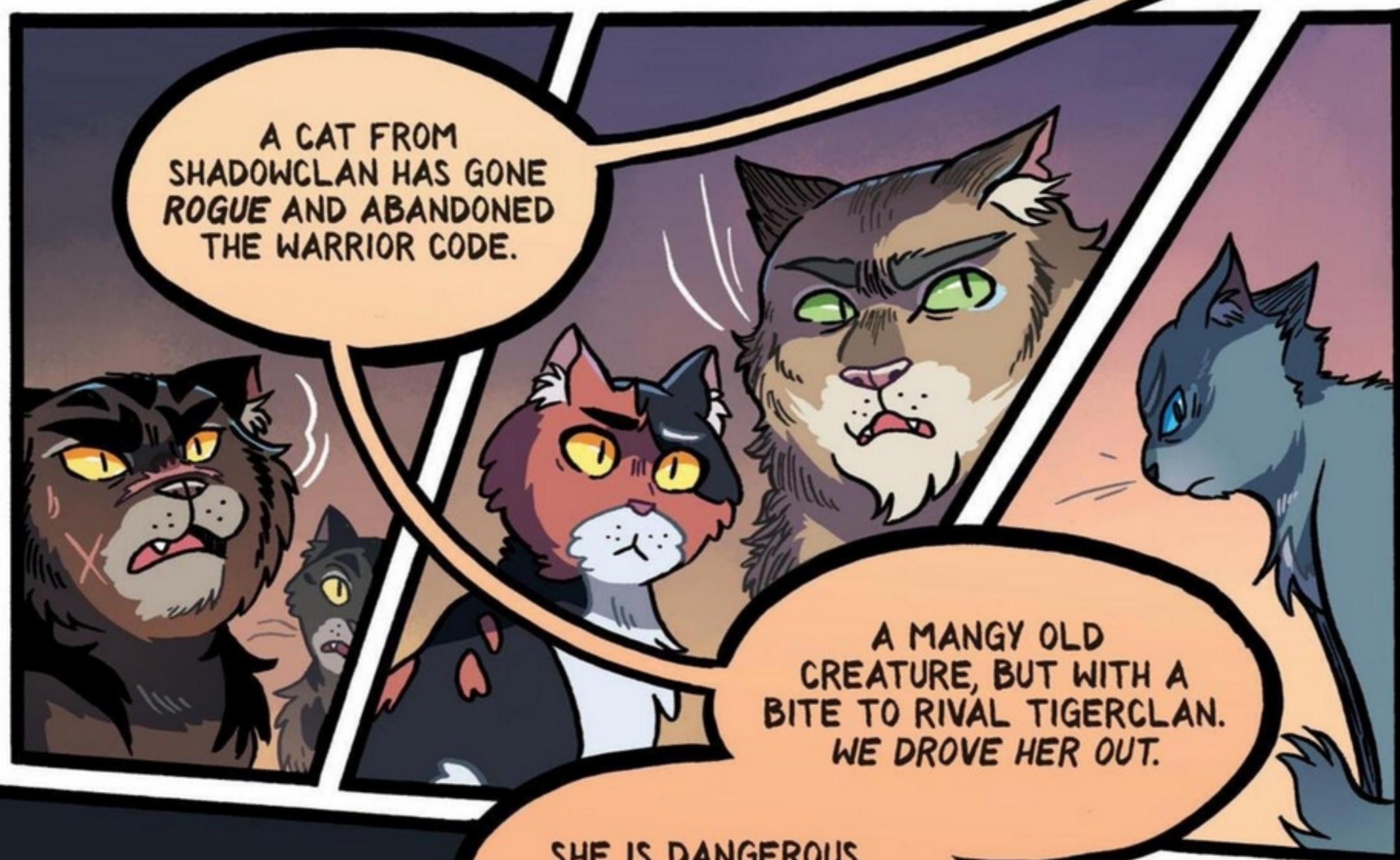
WHAT DOES
THUNDERCLAN
SAY?



I WILL DISCUSS
THIS PROPOSAL WITH
MY CLAN, AFTER
THE GATHERING.


tch.

IF YOU
MUST.











...HE SAID YOU
WERE A DANGER
TO OUR KITS.

YOU WEREN'T
MENTIONED BY NAME,
BUT THUNDERCLAN
GUESSED WHO HE WAS
TALKING ABOUT.



YOU'RE IN DANGER!
THE OTHER CATS ARE
SCARED AND I DON'T
KNOW WHAT THEY'RE
GOING TO DO--


YOU MEAN
THEY BELIEVED
BROKENSTAR?



YELLOWFANG,
WHAT DID HE MEAN
BY THAT?

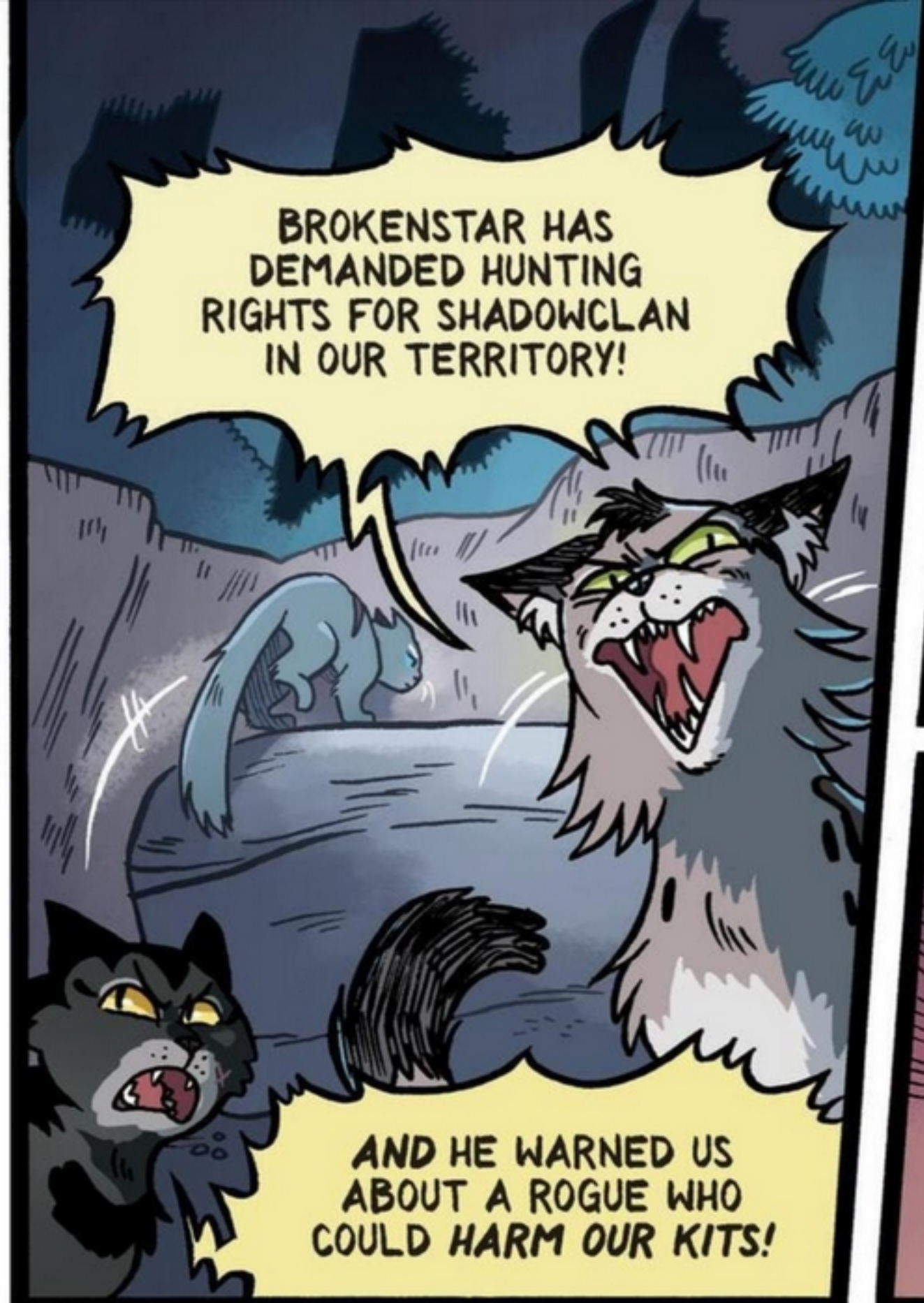
WOULD...

WOULD
YOU REALLY
DO SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?



...IS THAT
SOMETHING YOU
THINK I WOULD
DO, FIREPAW?







BROKENSTAR ONLY SAID THERE WAS A ROGUE.

HE DIDN'T MENTION YELLOWFANG BY NAME, AND OUR KITS ARE SAFE.



AS LONG AS SHE IS IN THIS CLAN...



YELLOWFANG IS NOT TO BE HARMED.



I WILL LEAVE NOW IF YOU WISH, BLUESTAR.

THERE IS NO NEED.

YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG.



THE REAL THREAT TO OUR CLAN NOW IS **BROKENSTAR HIMSELF**.

BROKENSTAR HAS DEMANDED HUNTING RIGHTS TO OUR TERRITORY, BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING IN.



BUT CAN WE EVEN **DEFEND OURSELVES** AGAINST SHADOWCLAN?

WINDCLAN WAS SCATTERED.

RIVERCLAN DIDN'T EVEN TRY!



THEN THUNDERCLAN **ALONE** WILL STAND AGAINST BROKENSTAR.

WE WILL NOT GIVE UP OUR TERRITORY WITHOUT A FIGHT!

THUNDERCLAN!!

YEAH!

HEAR, HEAR!





WAKE UP,
FIREPAW!

WE'RE LEAVING
SOON, AND YOU STILL
NEED TO TAKE YOUR
TRAVELING HERBS!

...A DREAM?







I DON'T REALLY
KNOW HOW IT
WORKS, BUT...

IT'S A ROCK DEEP
UNDERGROUND THAT
SHINES IN THE DARK.



LEADERS DREAM
NEAR IT TO TALK
TO STARCLAN, AND
GAIN THEIR NINE
LIVES AND NEW
NAME.



LIONHEART SAYS IT'S
A BIG STEP IN YOUR
WARRIOR TRAINING
TO TRAVEL THERE!

I WISH HE WAS
COMING WITH US
BUT SOME CAT
HAS TO DEFEND
THE CAMP!



DO YOU REALLY
THINK SHADOWCLAN
WILL TRY TO ATTACK
WHILE WE'RE GONE?

I HOPE NOT!
I DON'T WANT TO
MISS THE ACTION!

BUT IF
THEY DO---



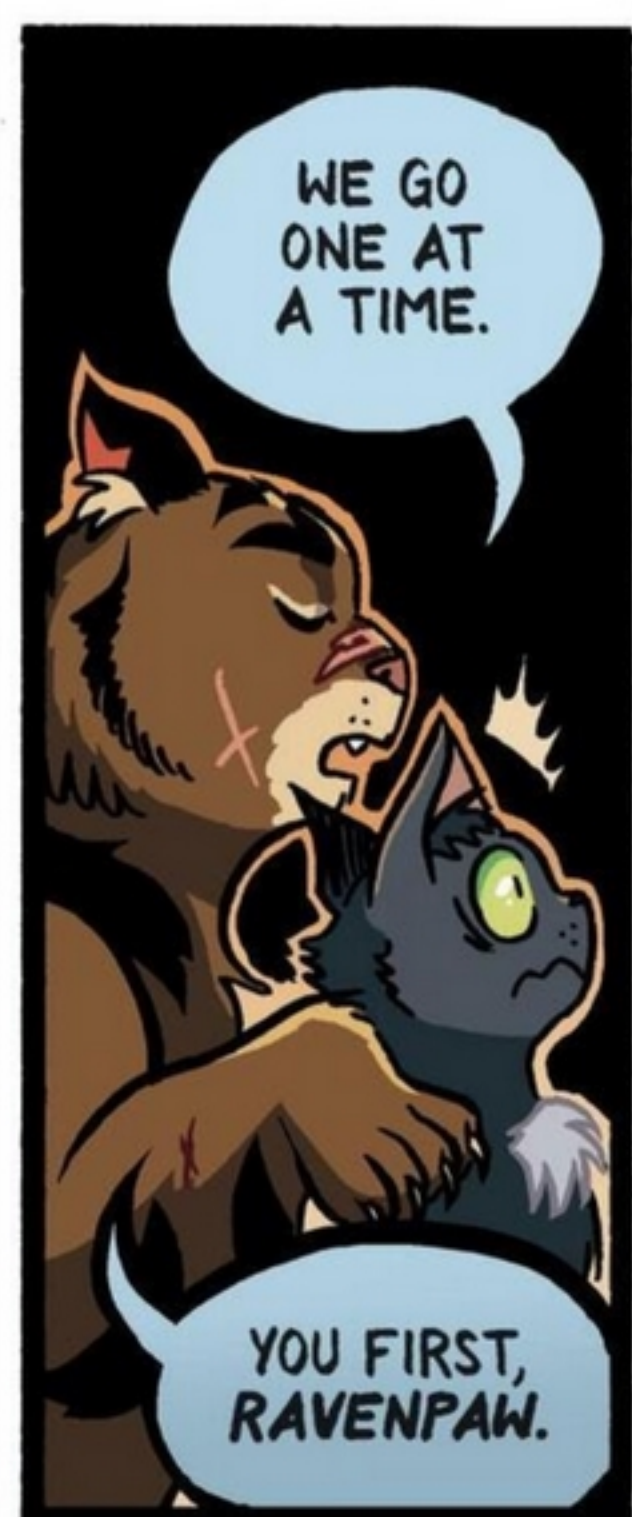
I'M SURE THE
ILLUSTRIOUS LIONHEART
WILL BE ABLE TO
HANDLE IT.

NOW, PAY
ATTENTION.



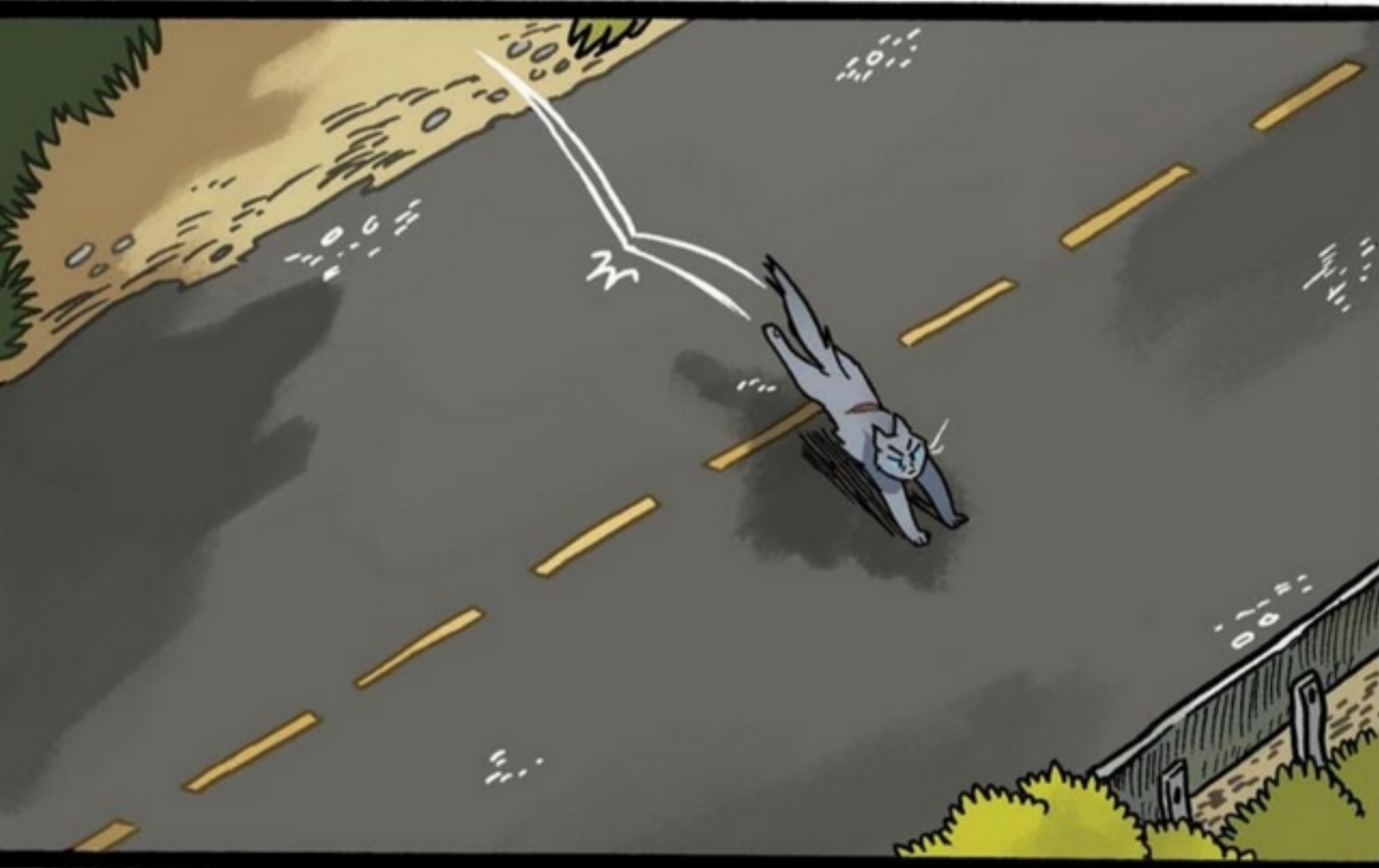
WE HAVE
TO CROSS...

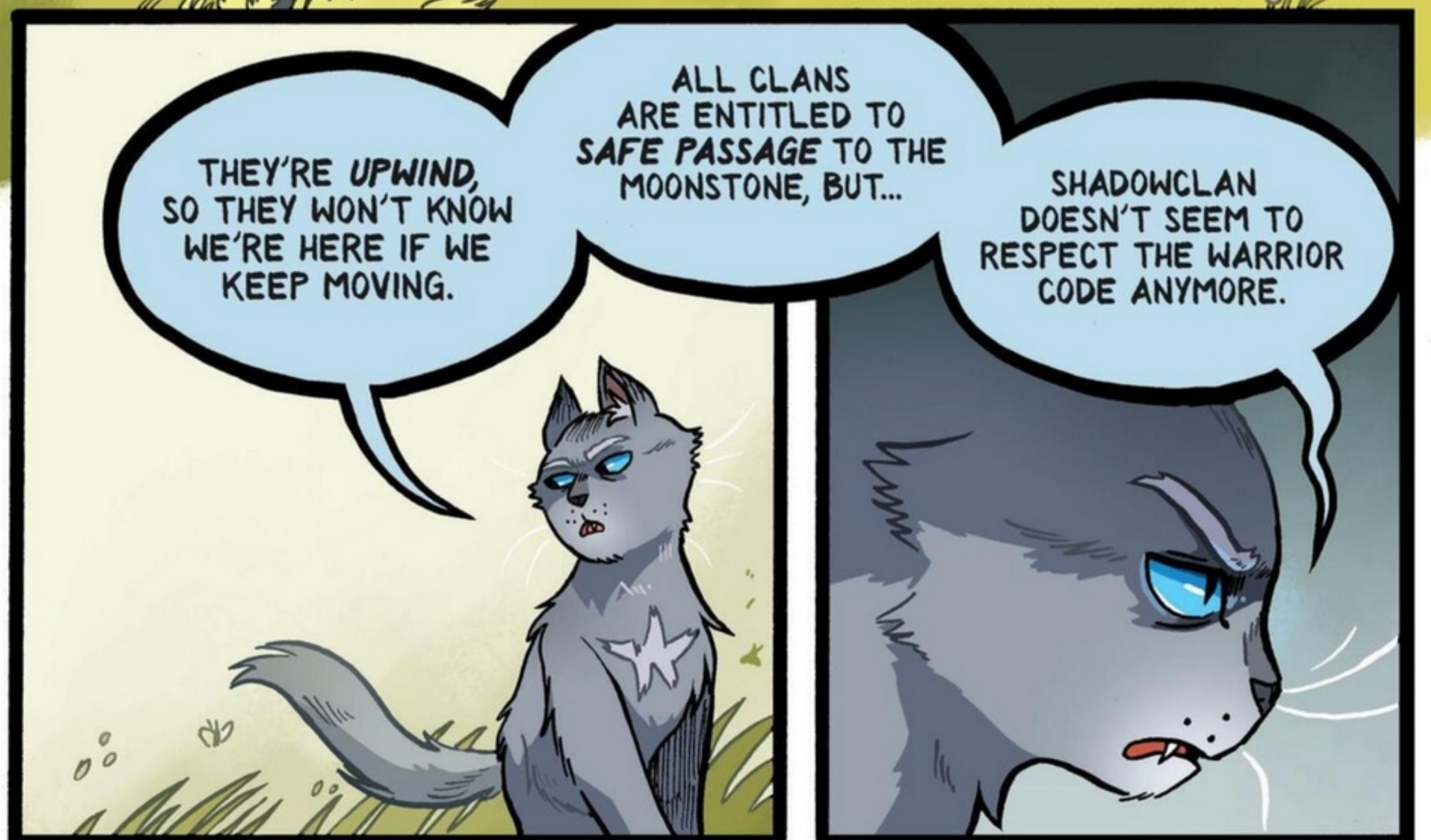
THE
THUNDERPATH.



WE GO
ONE AT
A TIME.

YOU FIRST,
RAVENPAW.









MOTHERMOUTH.



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THE
DARKNESS.

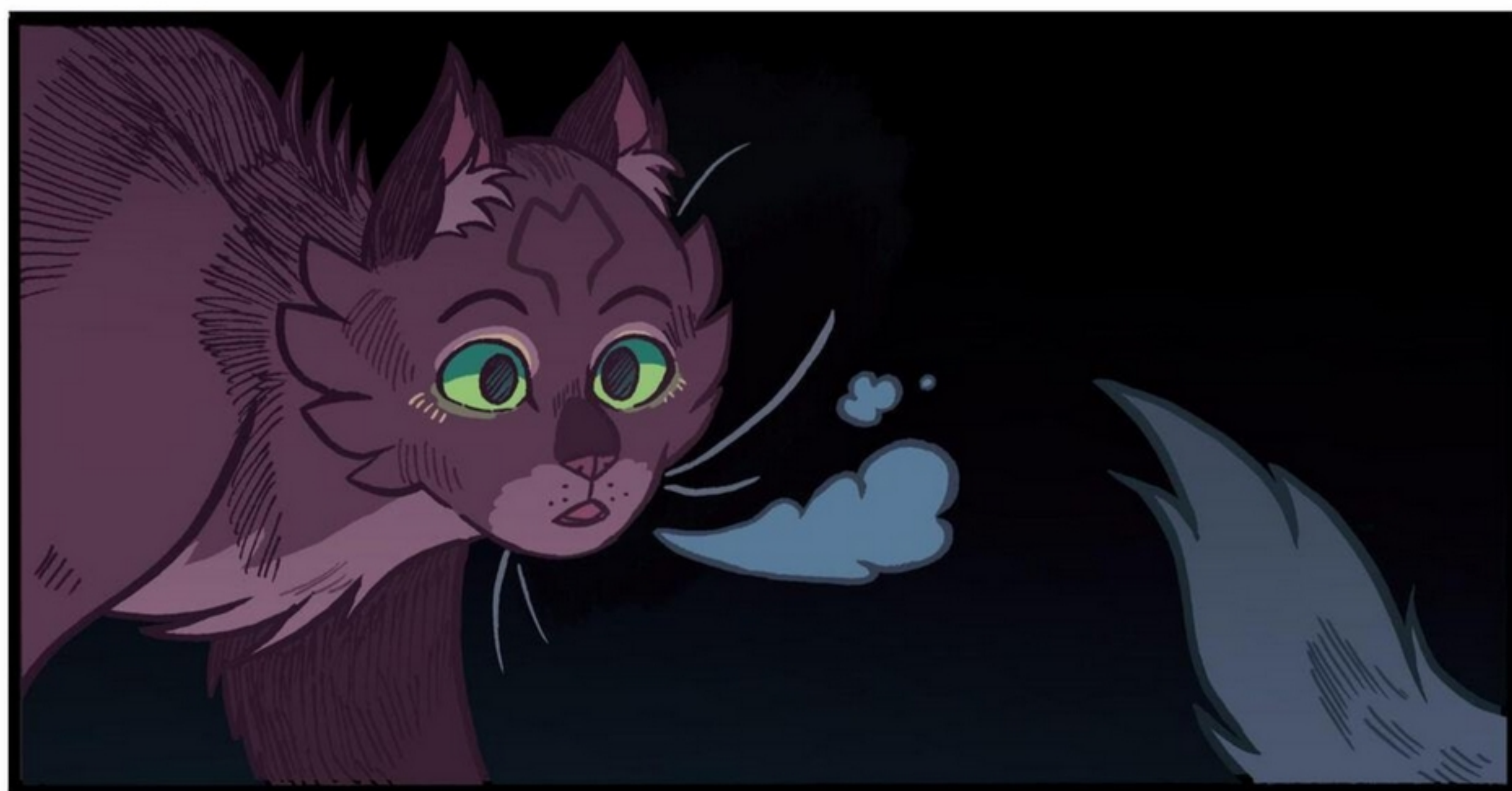
I KNOW
THE WAY.

RAVENPAW AND
GRAYPAW, YOU
WILL STAND
GUARD OUTSIDE.



FIREPAW AND
TIGERCLAW...

...YOU TWO WILL
ACCOMPANY ME DOWN
TO THE MOONSTONE.









FIREPAW?

YES,
BLUESTAR,
I'M STILL
HERE.



IT'S ALL RIGHT,
YOUNG WARRIOR.

DON'T BE
AFRAID.



IN THE WORLD ABOVE,
TIGERCLAW IS A FIERCE
AND MIGHTY WARRIOR.

BUT DOWN HERE, IN
THE FULL LIGHT OF
STARCLAN'S POWER...



...A CAT NEEDS A
DIFFERENT KIND
OF STRENGTH.

WHAT DO YOU
FEEL, FIREPAW?



ONLY MY OWN
CURIOSITY.

THAT
IS GOOD.



IF STARCLAN TALKS TO CATS
THROUGH DREAMS... THAT DREAM
I HAD ABOUT THE BATTLE...



...WAS IT REALLY
JUST A DREAM? OR
COULD IT HAVE BEEN--







DID TIGERCLAW SAY ANYTHING WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE CAVE BEFORE?



JUST THAT HE WANTED TO CHECK ON US.

HE DID SEEM A LITTLE EDGY...



HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE!

YOU JUMPED CLEAR OUT OF YOUR FUR WHEN HE SHOWED UP!

H-HE JUST SURPRISED ME!

THAT'S ALL!



SO FIREPAW, WHAT WAS THE MOONSTONE LIKE?

IT WAS AMAZING!

I---



HISSS!!

A LONER!



RELAX, THIS CAT IS A FRIEND.

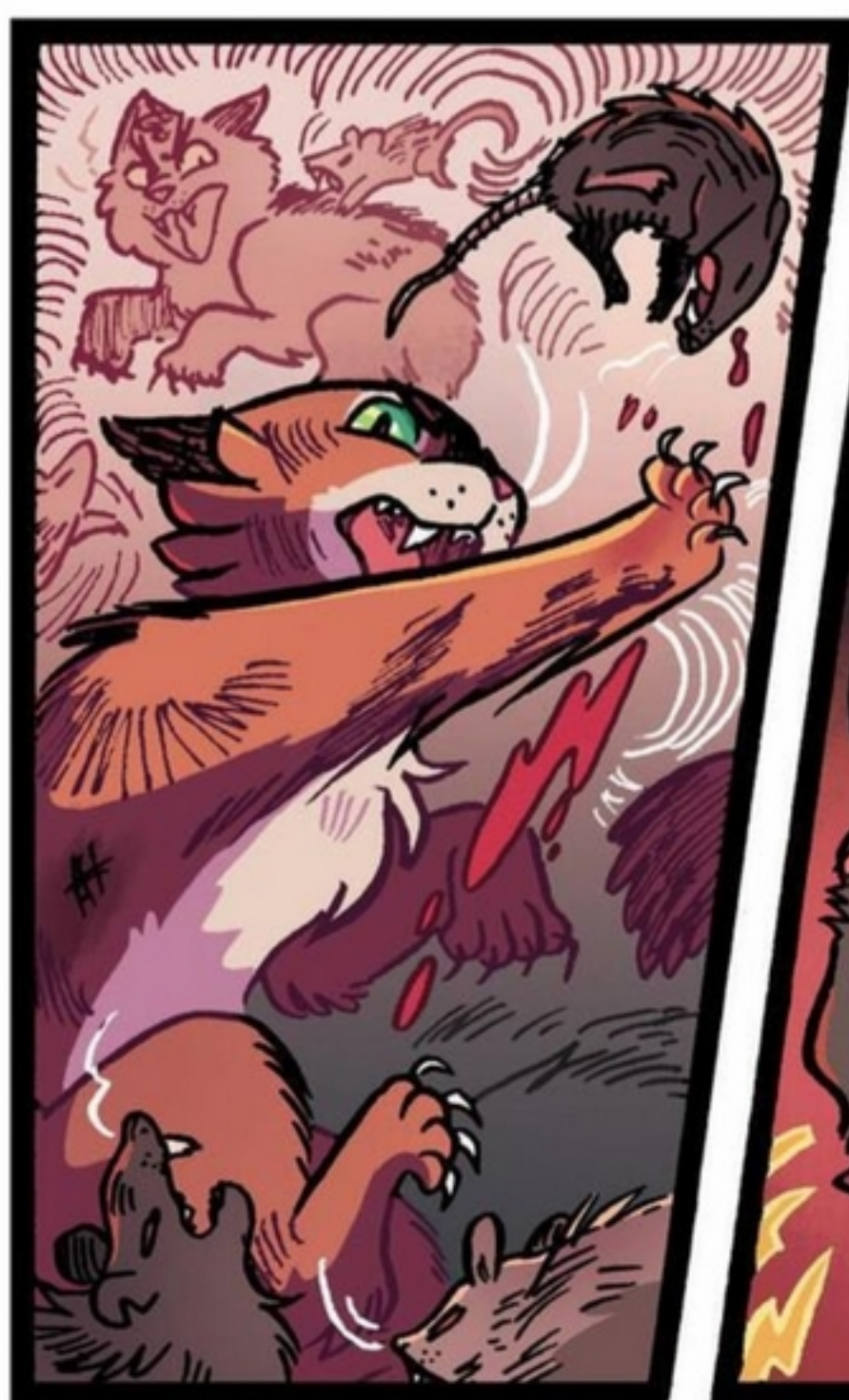
HI!

THIS IS BARLEY.

HE LIVES NEAR THE TWOLEG NEST AROUND HERE.

















THAT WAS
MY FIFTH.



I SMELL THE
STENCH OF
SHADOWCLAN.



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THEM
HERE.

WE'LL SEE
THEM SOON
ENOUGH.



DOES
ANYONE
ELSE HEAR
THAT?



IT IS AS
STARCLAN
WARNED ME...



















I ALSO WANT
TO HONOR A CAT WHO
SHOWED HER LOYALTY
TO THE CLAN DURING
THE ATTACK.



YELLOWFANG,
SHOULD YOU
WISH IT...



WE WELCOME YOU
AS A FULL MEMBER
OF THUNDERCLAN.

I AM
HONORED,
AND I
ACCEPT--



BLUESTAR,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

THE BLOOD THAT
SHADOWCLAN SPILLED
IN OUR CAMP IS NOT YET
DRY, AND YOU INVITE
HER IN?!



SHE SAVED
OUR KITS,
TIGERCLAW!



SHE FOUGHT
OFF A
SHADOWCLAN
WARRIOR!



SHE FOUGHT OFF
THE DEPUTY OF
SHADOWCLAN!







JUST LIKE HOW
HE TOOK CARE
OF REDTAIL.



AHH, THANK YOU,
FIREPAW.

YOU'VE EARNED
IT, AS A LOYAL
THUNDERCLAN CAT!



PERHAPS A
TRULY LOYAL CAT
WOULD FIGHT FOR
THE CLAN WHO
RAISED HER.



BUT THEN I'D
BE FIGHTING
FOR TWOLEGS!

HEH.
WELL SAID,
YOUNGSTER.



BUT THEN,
YOU ALWAYS
WERE A
THINKER.

HOW'S
THAT RAT
BITE?

IT'S
OKAY.











**SOME CAT HAS
TAKEN MY KITS!**



**QUICK, SEARCH
THE CAMP!**

**WHITESTORM,
GUARD THE
NURSERY!**

**WARRIORS,
PATROL THE
PERIMETER!**



**APPRENTICES,
SEARCH EVERY
DEN!**





YELLOWFANG?
WHERE IS SHE GOING?



YOWWL!



N...
NO...

KRAACK!





IF YELLOWFANG
TRULY IS RESPONSIBLE,
SHE WILL BE HUNTED AND
KILLED WITHOUT MERCY.



BUT WE
MUST WAIT.



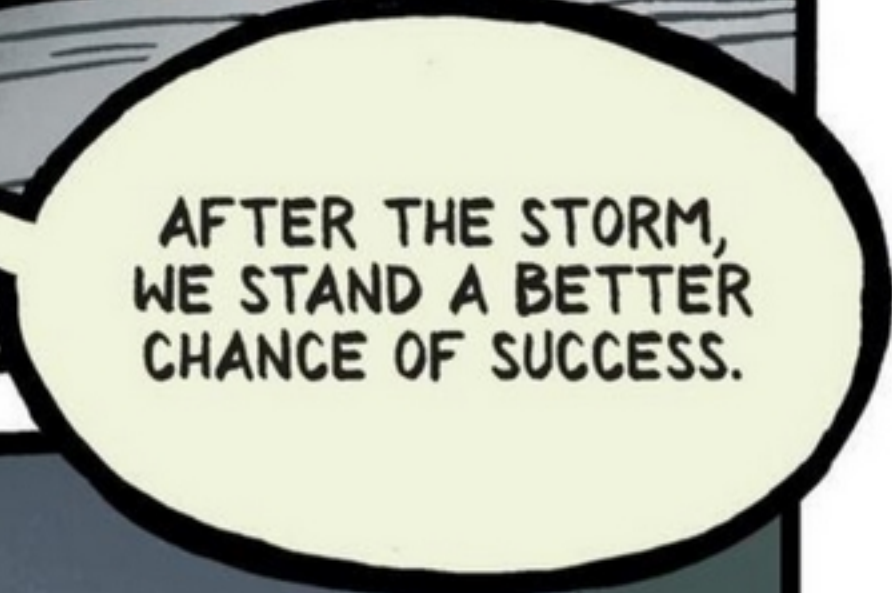
THERE IS A
STORM COMING, AND
I AM NOT PREPARED
TO RISK EVEN
MORE LIVES.

IF SHADOWCLAN
HAS OUR KITS, I SUSPECT
BROKENSTAR INTENDS TO USE
THEM AS HOSTAGES OR RECRUITS,
AND THEY WILL NOT COME
TO IMMEDIATE HARM.

WE WILL SEND
A PATROL AFTER
THE STORM
HAS PASSED.

BUT
BLUESTAR--







BRRM

THUNDERCLAN
BELIEVES YELLOWFANG
HAS BETRAYED US, AND
WANTS REVENGE.

BRMBLL

TIGERCLAW THINKS
BRINGING BACK A CORPSE
WILL BRING THEM
SATISFACTION, SO THAT'S
WHAT HE WOULD SET
OUT TO DO.

IF I FIND THAT
SHE IS A TRAITOR,
THEN I WILL KILL
HER MYSELF.

BUT IF SHE IS NOT...
I WILL NOT LET AN
INNOCENT CAT DIE.

BUT WHAT IF
YELLOWFANG WON'T
COME BACK?

SHE
WILL.

SHE'LL
COME BACK...

...IF IT'S YOU
WHO ASKS HER.

BEFORE I LEAVE...

...MY LAST CHANCE
TO SAY GOODBYE
TO SPOTTEDLEAF.



YELLOWFANG
MUST HAVE
HAD HELP.

FROM INSIDE
THUNDERCLAN?



YOU'VE HEARD WHAT
TIGERCLAW SAID
ABOUT RAVENPAW,
HAVEN'T YOU?

I'M JUST SAYING,
I NEVER FELT
COMFORTABLE
AROUND HIM...

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING ALL
OVER FOR YOU!

ARE YOU GOING
SOMEWHERE?



BLUESTAR SENT
ME TO GO FIND
YELLOWFANG.

NOW?

WHAT ABOUT
TIGERCLAW?

SHE THINKS
I KNOW HER
BEST AND WANTS
HER ALIVE.



I SEE...

I'LL COME
WITH YOU,
THEN.

HISS!









KRACK

BECAUSE I KNOW
THE RIVERCLAN DEPUTY
DIDN'T KILL REDTAIL.

TIGERCLAW
KILLED REDTAIL...

...AT THE BATTLE
WITH RIVERCLAN AT
SUNNINGROCKS.



I DIDN'T SEE HOW
OAKHEART DIED, BUT
WHEN REDTAIL TOLD US,
TIGERCLAW SENT ME
BACK TO CAMP.



I WANTED TO STAY,
BUT HE YOWLED AT ME
TO GO, SO I LEFT.

I SHOULD NEVER
HAVE TURNED BACK,
BUT WHEN I DID,
I SAW THEM...

...RIVERCLAN HAD FLED,
LEAVING TIGERCLAW AND
REDTAIL ALONE...



...REDTAIL'S
BACK WAS TURNED,
AND TIGERCLAW
BIT HIM...

...IT WAS OVER
IN SECONDS.









HE
WON'T.



I'LL TELL
THUNDERCLAN
THAT YOU'RE
DEAD.

NOD.



WHY DON'T WE
JUST GO STRAIGHT
INTO SHADOWCLAN
TERRITORY?

CRACK!
I HAVE TO
PICK UP HER
SCENT TRAIL
FIRST.




A-HA!

SHE WENT
THIS WAY!







I KNEW
THUNDERCLAN
WOULD BLAME ME!


WHERE ARE
THE KITS?!



WE SMELLED
BLOOD!


DID YOU
HURT THEM?!

I DON'T HAVE
THE KITS!



WHEN THEY
WENT MISSING,
I KNEW I WOULD
BE BLAMED.

I SET
OUT TO GET
THEM BACK!




I SMELLED THE
KITS' BLOOD TOO,
SO I STOPPED...

...BUT THEY'RE
NOT HERE.




WHAT?!

I DON'T
HAVE THEM!



THEN WHY
DID YOU KILL
SPOTTEDLEAF?


SPOTTEDLEAF
IS DEAD?



YOU DIDN'T
KNOW?

HOW
COULD I?


I LEFT AS
SOON AS I HEARD
FROSTFUR YOWLING.



IT MUST HAVE
BEEN **CLAWFACE**,
ONE OF **BROKENSTAR**'S
WARRIORS...

I SMELLED HIM
NEAR THE NURSERY
ON MY WAY OUT.

IF HE HAS BROUGHT
THEM TO **BROKENSTAR**,
THOSE KITS ARE IN
GREAT DANGER.




BUT SURELY
BROKENSTAR
WOULDN'T
HARM KITS!

DON'T BE
SO SURE.

HOW OLD ARE
THOSE KITS NOW,
THREE MOONS?

THE WARRIOR CODE
SAYS TRAINING SHOULD
BEGIN AT SIX MOONS. BUT
BROKENSTAR *DISAGREES*.

HE SENDS THEM OUT
AS **FULL WARRIORS** INTO
BATTLE BY **FIVE MOONS**.



B-BUT SURELY
THEY WOULD
BE TOO SMALL
TO FIGHT!

THEY ARE.

BROKENSTAR
DOESN'T CARE.

KITS ARE
DISPOSABLE
TO HIM.

WHEN **SHADOWCLAN**
RUNS OUT, THEY CAN
JUST STEAL MORE.









...YELLOWFANG
WILL.

SHE'S GOING
TO HELP US.

B-BUT...

I FOUND
HER, AND WE
TALKED...

I'M CERTAIN
SHE DIDN'T TAKE
THE KITS OR KILL
SPOTTEDLEAF.



I BELIEVE
YOU, FIREPAW.

NOD!

LEAD
ON.

ANY SIGN OF
YELLOWFANG AND
THE SHADOWCLAN
ELDERS?

NOT
YET...

SHE'LL
BE HERE.

HEH.



WELL SAID,
FIREPAW!

SHADOWCLAN!



...THUNDERCLAN.



WE HAVE COME
TO HELP YOU RECOVER
YOUR STOLEN KITS.



NIGHTPELT,
RIGHT?

WHAT'S IN IT
FOR YOU?



OUR CLAN IS
SUFFERING UNDER
BROKENSTAR.

HE HAS BROKEN
THE WARRIOR CODE
AND IS DRIVING OUR
CLAN TO RUIN.

OUR KITS, OUR
ELDERS, ANY CAT
TOO SICK TO OBEY...



...WE CANNOT COPE
WITH THE CASUALTIES
MUCH LONGER.



BROKENSTAR KEEPS
A CLOSE GROUP OF
ELITE WARRIORS TO
FORCE THE REST
TO FIGHT.

HELP US DRIVE
THEM OUT, AND THE
KITS WILL BE SAVED.









SPOTTEDLEAF'S
KILLER!

HISSS!!

THUNDERCLAN
WARRIORS ONLY
KILL WHEN WE HAVE
NO OTHER CHOICE!

FIREPAW,
NO!

LET
HIM GO.

BROKENSTAR,
YOUR WARRIORS
ARE FLEEING!

GIVE UP!

heh... heh...
YELLOWFANG...





hehhh...

...DON'T WASTE
YOUR TIME,
LITTLE
APPRENTICE.









THUNDERCLAN, YOU
HELPED SHADOWCLAN
RID ITSELF OF A BRUTAL
AND DANGEROUS LEADER.

IT IS TIME YOU
LEFT OUR CAMP
SO WE CAN BEGIN TO
REBUILD OURSELVES.

OF COURSE.

ON BEHALF OF
THUNDERCLAN,
HUNT IN PEACE
FOR *ONE MOON*
WHILE YOU DO.



AND YOU,
YELLOWFANG?

WILL YOU RETURN
WITH US, OR STAY
HERE WITH YOUR
OLD CLANMATES?





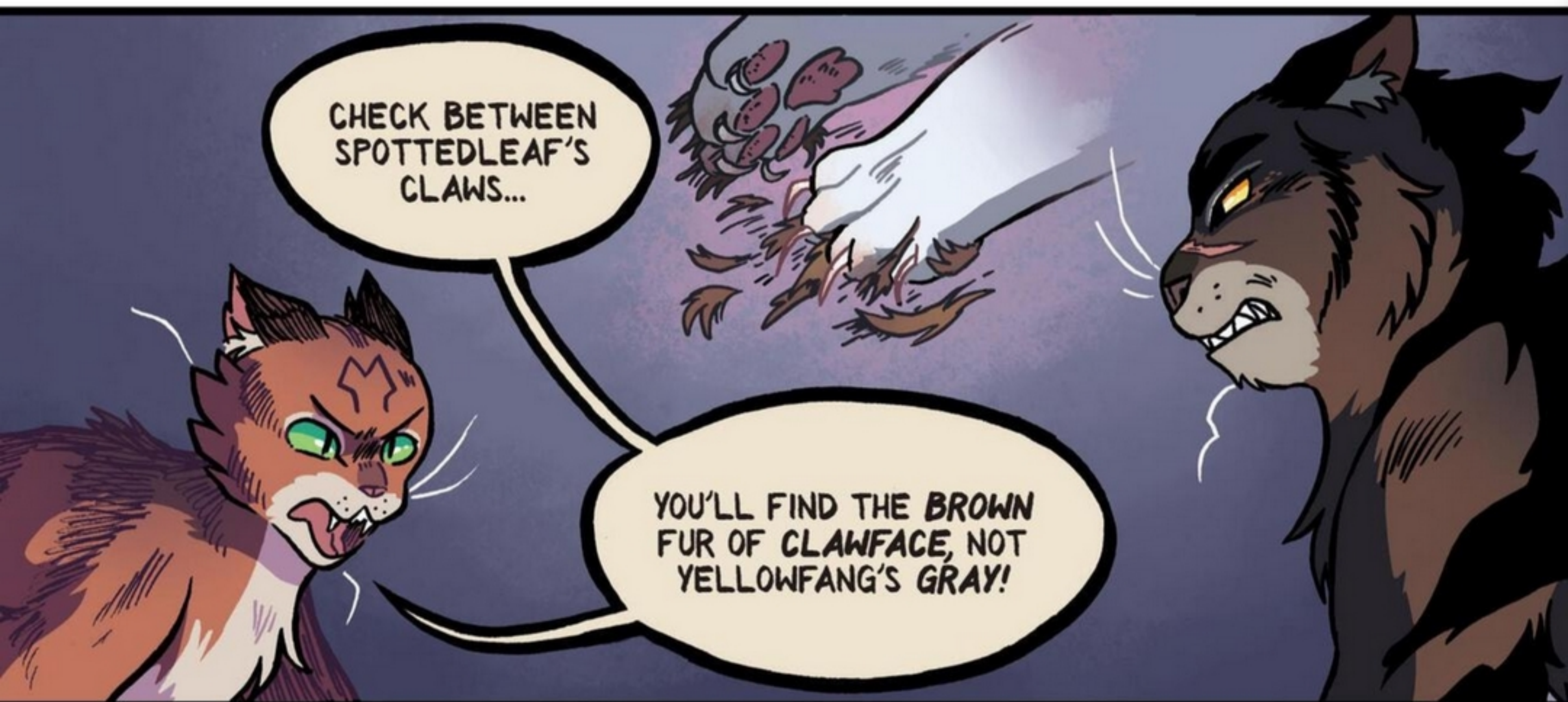


WHY DID YOU
BRING BACK THE
TRAITOR?!



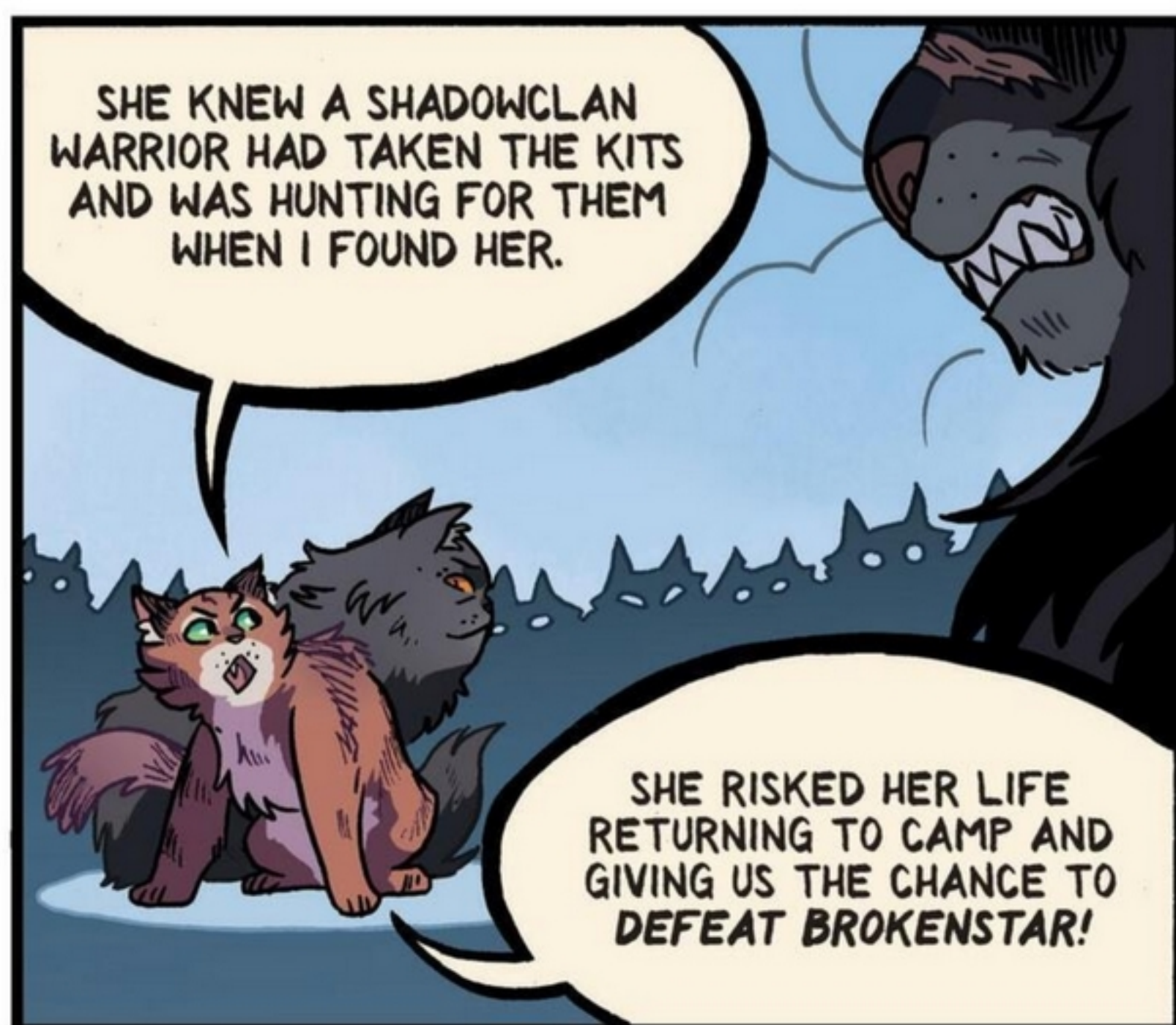
YELLOWFANG
IS LOYAL TO
THUNDERCLAN.

SHE *HELPED* US
RECOVER THE KITS, AND
I CAN *PROVE* SHE DIDN'T
KILL SPOTTEDLEAF!



CHECK BETWEEN
SPOTTEDLEAF'S
CLAWS...

YOU'LL FIND THE *BROWN*
FUR OF *CLAWFACE*, NOT
YELLOWFANG'S *GRAY*!



SHE KNEW A SHADOWCLAN
WARRIOR HAD TAKEN THE KITS
AND WAS HUNTING FOR THEM
WHEN I FOUND HER.

SHE RISKED HER LIFE
RETURNING TO CAMP AND
GIVING US THE CHANCE TO
DEFEAT *BROKENSTAR*!



IT'S TRUE!

YELLOWFANG
IS A *FRIEND*.



I AM
GLAD TO
HEAR IT.



YELLOWFANG.

I WOULD LIKE YOU
TO REPLACE SPOTTEDLEAF
AS OUR **MEDICINE CAT**.

WOULD YOU
DO THE CLAN
THIS HONOR?



YES, BLUESTAR.
THANK YOU.

WAIT--



WHAT HAPPENED
TO **RAVENPAW**, MY
APPRENTICE?



STRANGE
THAT HE
DISAPPEARED
ALONG WITH
BROKENSTAR--


**RAVENPAW
WAS NOT A
TRAITOR.**



**RAVENPAW
IS DEAD.**

WE FOUND HIS
BODY IN **SHADOWCLAN
TERRITORY**, WHERE A
WARRIOR PATROL HAD
KILLED HIM.





I, BLUESTAR, LEADER
OF THUNDERCLAN,
CALL UPON MY **WARRIOR**
ANCESTORS TO LOOK UPON
THESE TWO APPRENTICES.

THEY HAVE BOTH
TRAINED HARD TO
UNDERSTAND AND UPHOLD
YOUR **NOBLE CODE**.

I COMMEND THEM
TO YOU AS **WARRIORS**
IN THEIR TURN.

FIREPAW,
GRAYPAW...

DO YOU PROMISE TO
UPHOLD THE **WARRIOR CODE** AND
TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THIS
CLAN, EVEN AT THE COST
OF YOUR LIFE?

I DO.

I DO!

THEN BY
THE POWER OF
STARCLAN...

...I GIVE YOU
YOUR WARRIOR
NAMES...

GRAYPAW, YOU
WILL BE KNOWN
AS GRAYSTRIPE.

AND FIREPAW,
YOU WILL BE KNOWN
AS FIREHEART.

I AM PROUD
TO HAVE YOU AS MY
WARRIOR HERE IN
THUNDERCLAN.

SERVE
US WELL,
YOUNG ONE.

FIREHEART!

GRAYSTRIPE!

GRAYSTRIPE!

FIREHEART!









PART THREE:
GRAYSTRIPE'S SECRET

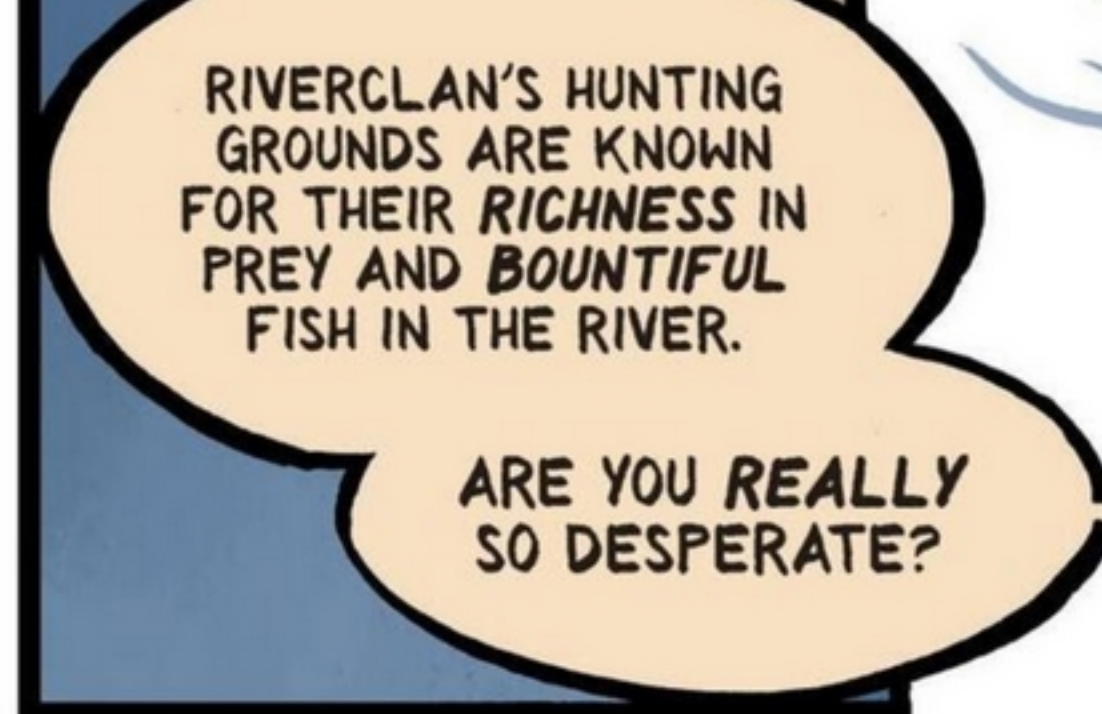














VERY WELL,
BLUESTAR...



SHADOWCLAN WILL
ALLOW WINDCLAN
TO RETURN.

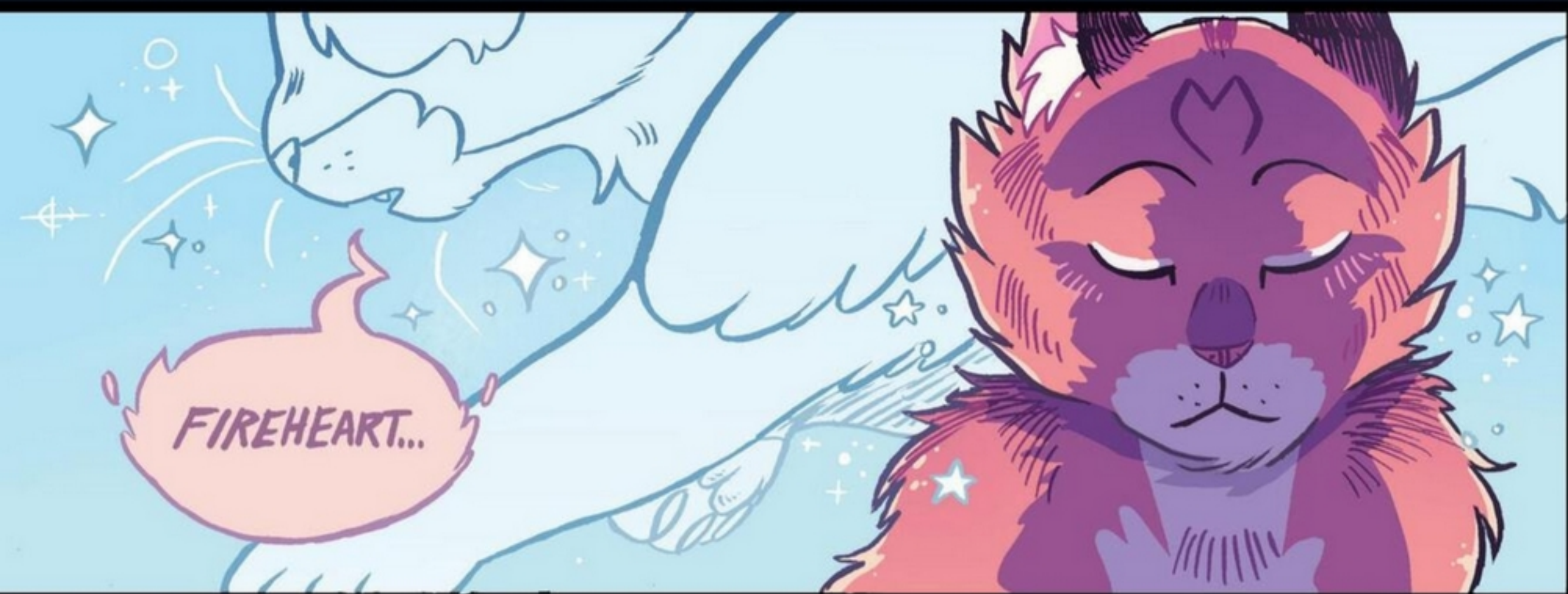
TWO OF US
HAVE AGREED,
THEN...

WINDCLAN MUST
BE FOUND AND
BROUGHT HOME.

UNTIL THEN,
NO CLAN SHOULD HUNT
IN THEIR TERRITORY.







SPOTTEDLEAF?

FIRE...

**...FIRE
ALONE...**

**CAN SAVE
OUR CLAN!**

WHAT?

**FIREHEART,
WAKE UP!**





I WANT YOU TO
FIND WINDCLAN AND
BRING THEM BACK TO
THEIR TERRITORY.

BEAR IN MIND
THAT THIS WILL BE
VERY DANGEROUS.


WE DON'T KNOW WHERE
THEY HAVE GONE, SO YOU'LL
HAVE TO FOLLOW WHAT'S LEFT OF
THEIR SCENT, POSSIBLY THROUGH
HOSTILE TERRITORY.

OUR OTHER WARRIORS
ARE NEEDED HERE, SO
WE CAN ONLY SEND
THE TWO OF YOU.

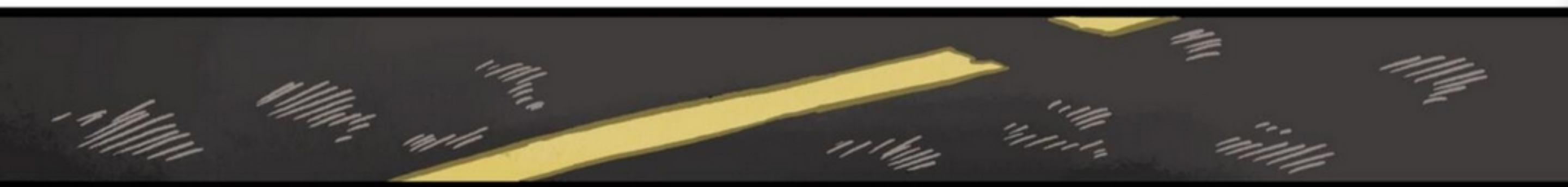
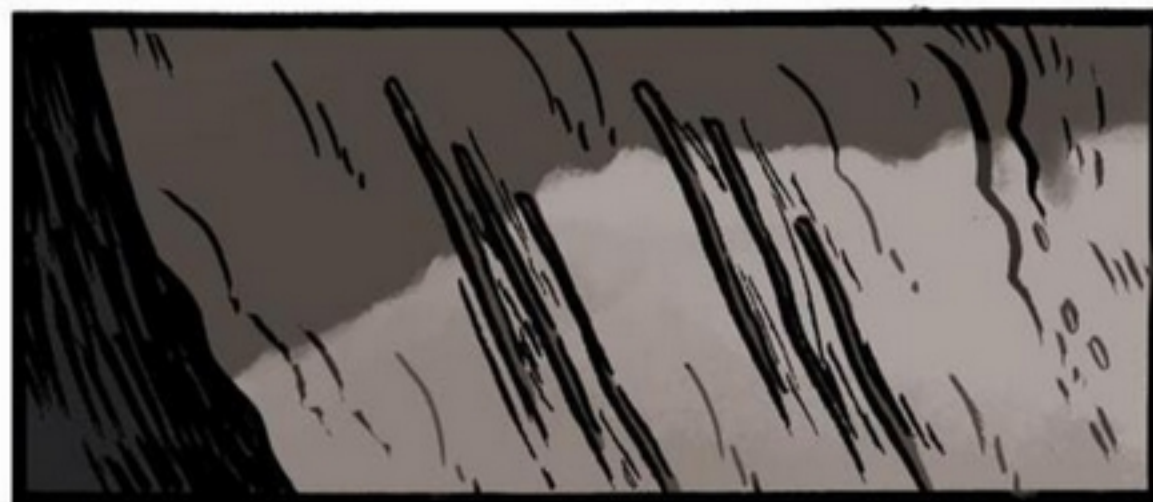
YOU MUST
LEAVE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

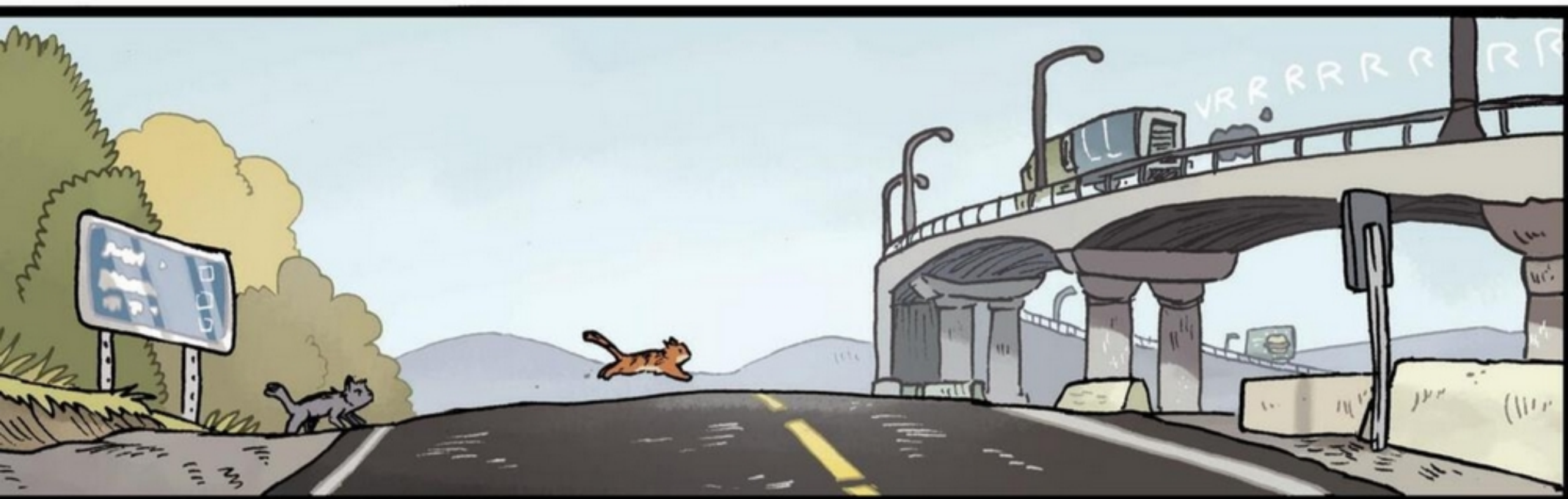


GOOD LUCK
TO YOU BOTH.

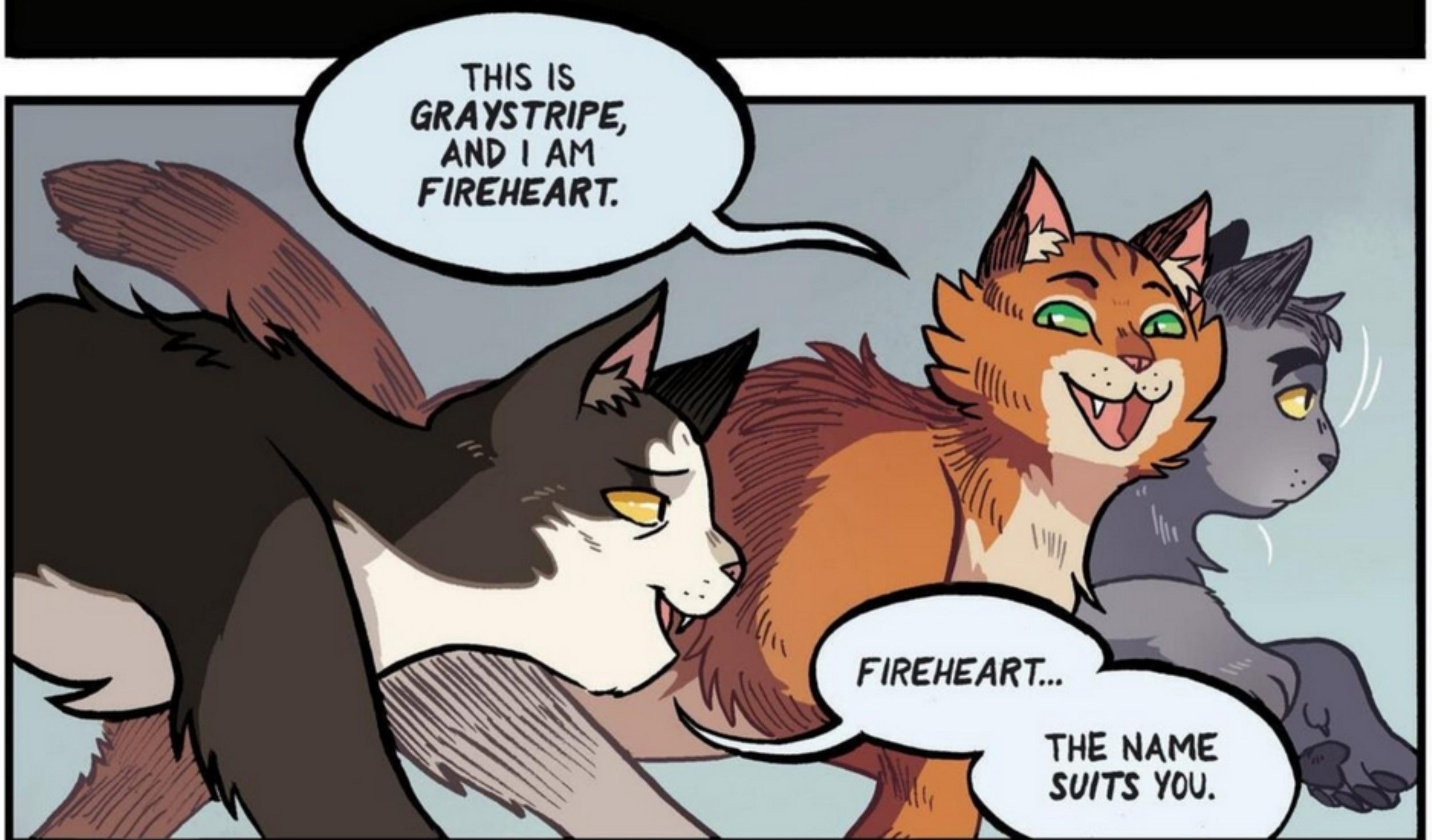


















MAYBE RAVENPAW IS ACTUALLY BETTER OFF OUTSIDE OF CLAN LIFE.

I GUESS EACH CAT REALLY DOES HAVE THEIR OWN DESTINY.

BUT RAVENPAW HAD TO LEAVE THUNDERCLAN FOR A REASON. I CAN'T FORGET WHAT HE WITNESSED...





MY CLAN IS
GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR HELP.

BOTH OF YOU ARE
WARRIORS WORTHY
OF STARCLAN.

BUT NOW THAT WINDCLAN
HAS RETURNED TO OUR
HOME, IT'S TIME YOU
RETURNED TO YOURS.


DEADFOOT AND ONEWHISKER
WILL ESCORT YOU TO
FOURTREES, IN CASE OF
HOSTILE HUNTING PARTIES.

THANK YOU,
TALLSTAR.


TELL BLUESTAR THAT
WINDCLAN WON'T FORGET
THAT IT WAS THUNDERCLAN
WHO BROUGHT US HOME.









THIS MOONHIGH, WE
GATHER TO NAME THREE
NEW THUNDERCLAN
APPRENTICES...




SWIFTKIT, YOU WILL
BE APPRENTICED TO
LONGTAIL, AND KNOWN
AS SWIFTPAW.



BRACKENKIT, YOU WILL
BE APPRENTICED TO
GRAYSTRIPE, AND KNOWN
AS BRACKENPAW.




AND CINDERKIT, YOU
WILL BE APPRENTICED TO
FIREHEART, AND KNOWN
AS CINDERPAW.



DON'T
WORRY!

YOU'RE
DOING FINE.



LONGTAIL SURE DIDN'T
WELCOME ME LIKE
THAT WHEN I JOINED
THUNDERCLAN.





I CAN TELL TIGERCLAW
IS WAITING FOR ME
TO FAIL, BUT...



...WHEN CINDERPAW LOOKS AT
ME, I CAN SEE THE PRIDE
IN HER EYES AT BEING
MY APPRENTICE.



WAS THIS WHAT I
LOOKED LIKE WHEN I
WAS AN APPRENTICE?



FIREHEART!

Good morning,
Graystripe.

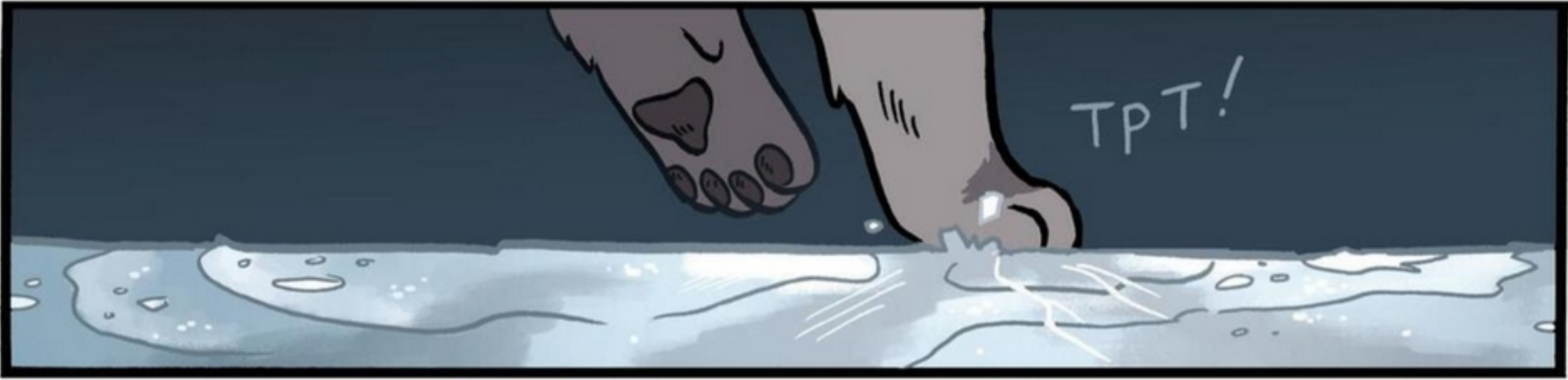


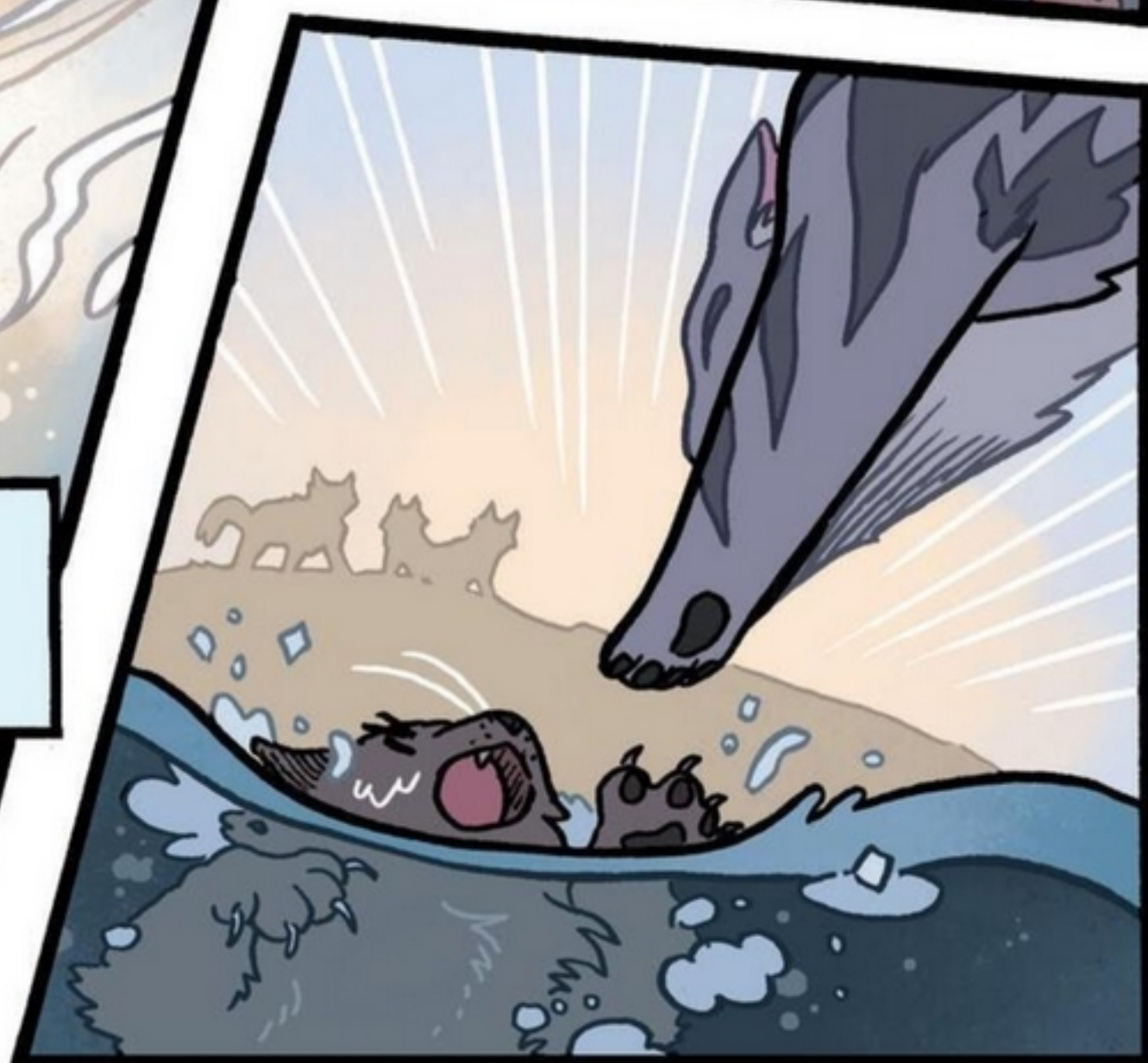
What is our
assignment
today?

HUNTING!









I CAN'T
HELP HIM....!



YOU ABSOLUTE
FISH-BRAIN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN
RIVERCLAN TERRITORY?!

COUGH
COUGH







FEELING
ANY BETTER
THIS MORNING,
GRAYSTRIPE?



THANKS,
FIREHEART.

YELLOWFANG
HAS ME STAYING
IN CAMP TO REST.



I'M NOT SURPRISED.
WHAT HERBS DID
SHE GIVE YOU?

FEVERFEW
AND LAVENDER.



IS EVERYTHING
OKAY, GRAYSTRIPE?

WHAT?



OH.
UH, YEAH.

I'M
GOOD.

OKAY.



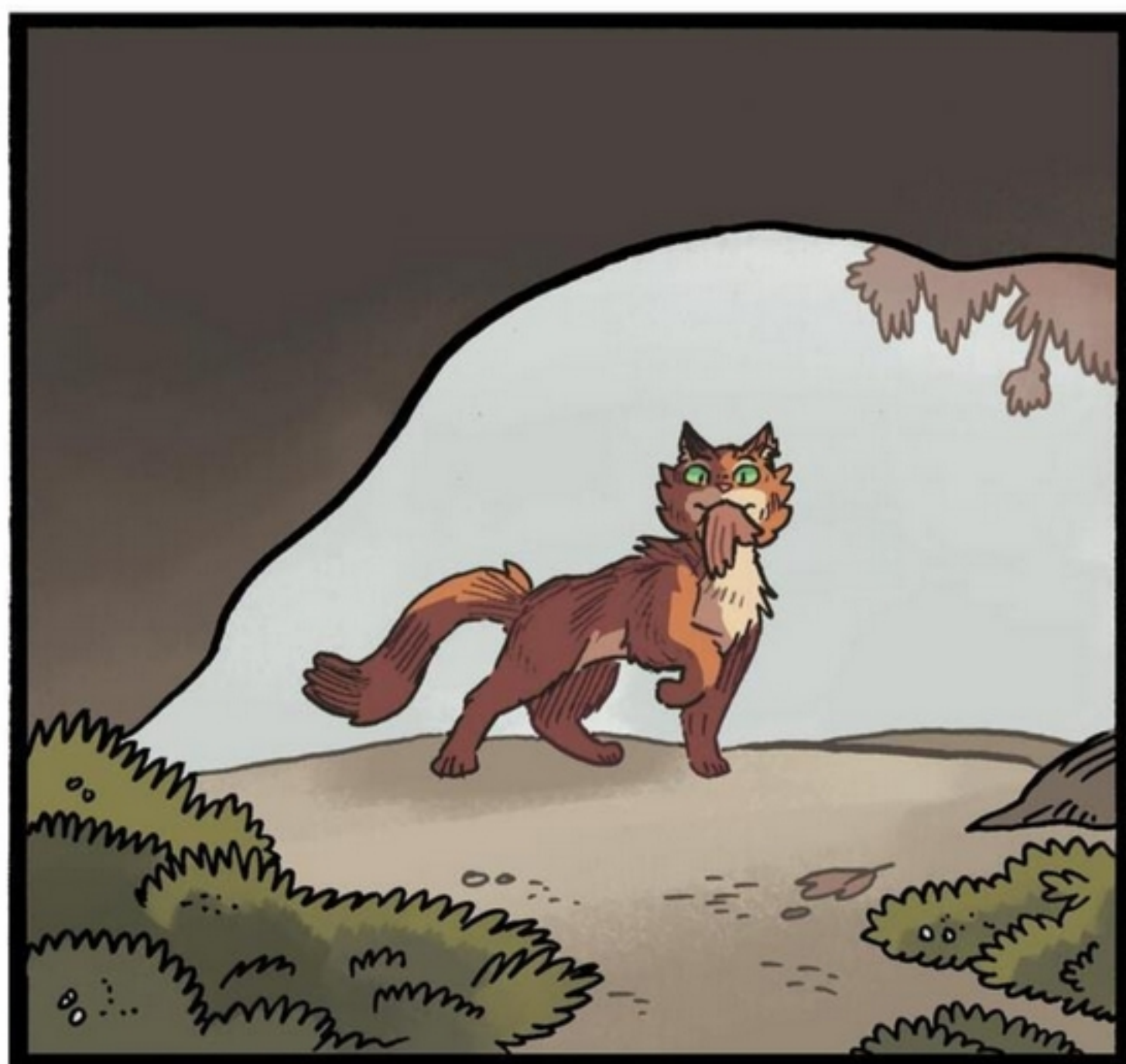
I'LL TAKE
BRACKENPAW
OUT WITH ME AND
CINDERPAW TODAY.

REST UP,
ALL RIGHT?

mhm.







WHERE IS HE?! GRAYSTRIPE'S
SUPPOSED TO BE RESTING IN
THE WARRIORS' DEN!



GRAYSTRIPE!

THERE
YOU ARE!

WHERE DID
YOU GO TODAY?

TIGERCLAW WAS
ASKING AROUND
AND I COVERED
FOR YOU, BUT...



I JUST WANTED
SOME PEACE AND
QUIET, OKAY?



THANKS FOR
COVERING
FOR ME.





HMMM...



YES, THAT
IS SUSPICIOUS.

I'M HIS **BEST
FRIEND!** WHAT ISN'T
HE TELLING ME?

MAYBE HE HAS A
GOOD REASON FOR
NOT TELLING YOU.

LOTS OF CATS
HAVE **SECRETS.**



NOT
GRAYSTRIPE.

NOT
FROM ME.



Uh-huh.



BY THE
WAY...



...THIS YARROW IS
GREAT QUALITY.

WHERE DID
YOU FIND IT?

**CINDERPAW
FOUND IT!**



SHE SNIFFED
IT OUT NEAR
SUNNINGROCKS.

HER TRAINING
IS COMING
ALONG **GREAT!**

AND BRACKENPAW'S
GOT A KEEN EYE
FOR HUNTING...

HE REALLY
IS A CREDIT TO
GRAYSTRIPE.



YES, THANKS
TO YOUR
TRAINING.

GRAYSTRIPE
MUST STILL BE
SICK, RIGHT?

MAYBE THIS
IS ALL IN
MY HEAD.

REGARDLESS, YOUR
BEST FRIEND IS WASTING
ALL MY GOOD LAVENDER
BY NOT FOCUSING ON
GETTING BETTER.

COULD YOU GO
LOOKING FOR SOME
MORE FOR ME?

SANDPAW
OUT THERE
LOOKS BORED.

YAAAAAWN!!

WHY DON'T YOU
ASK HER TO GO
WITH YOU?



HEY,
FIREHEART.

I JUST
WANTED TO
SAY...

THAT I'M SORRY
FOR THE WAY I
TREATED YOU
BEFORE.

AFTER EVERYTHING
YOU'VE DONE FOR
THUNDERCLAN...



...YOU'RE A
WARRIOR THROUGH
AND THROUGH.



THANKS,
SANDPAW.



AREN'T YOU
STILL MAD
ABOUT--

YOU BECOMING
A WARRIOR BEFORE
ME AND DUSTPAW?

NOT
ANYMORE.



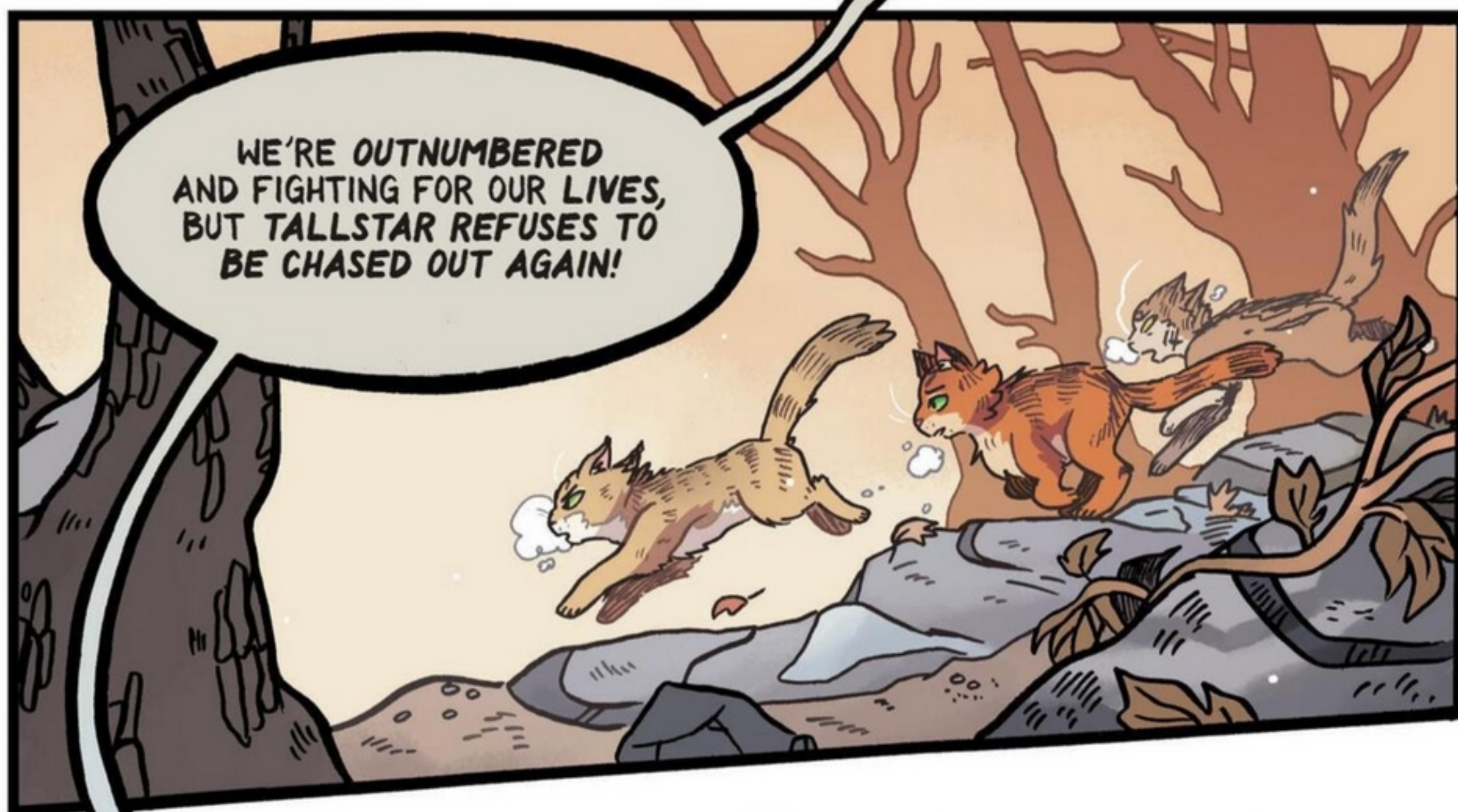
I'M SURE
BLUESTAR WILL
GET TO US
EVENTUALLY.

IN THE
MEANTIME...



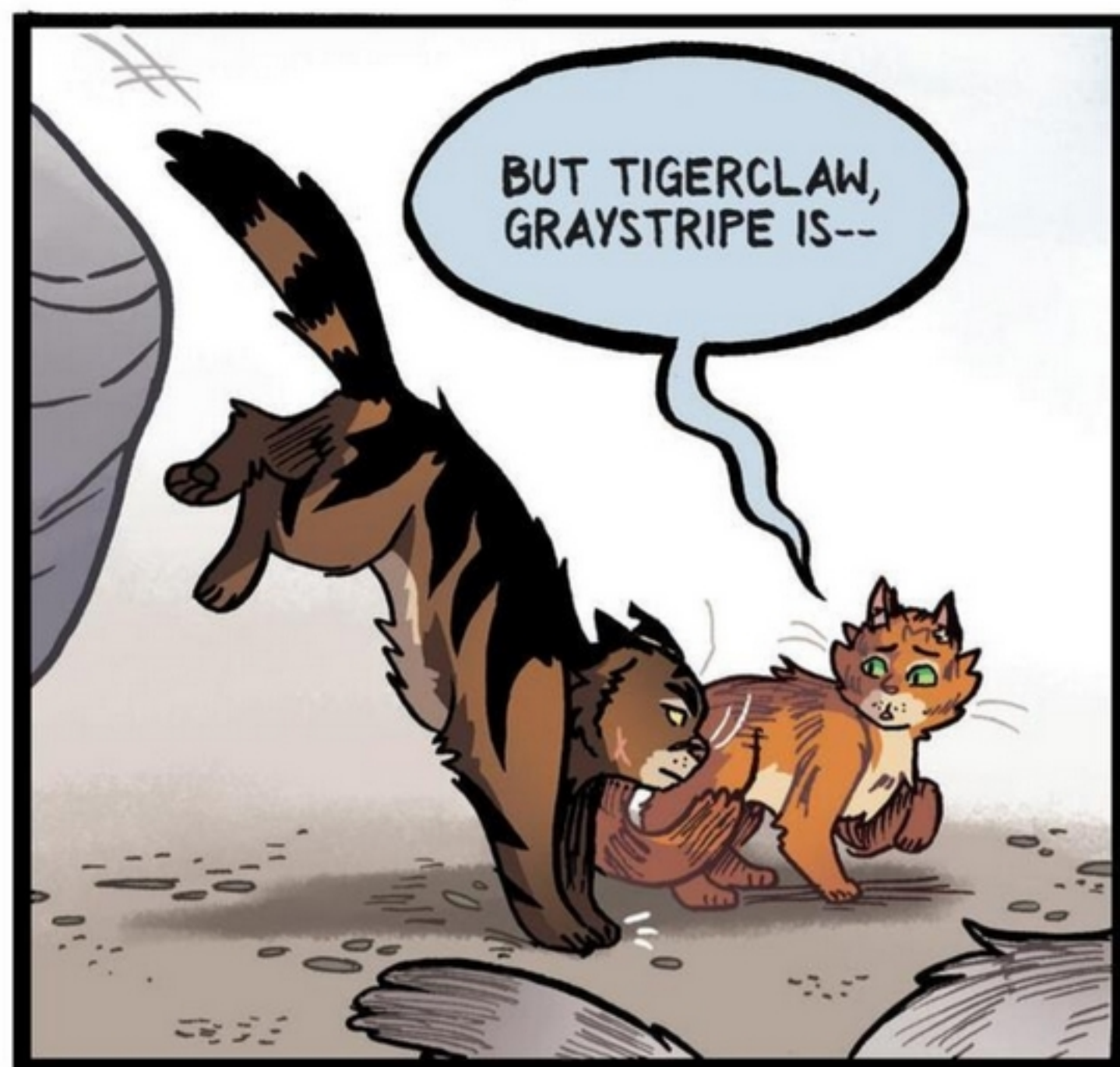
...C'MON,
LET'S GO GET
THOSE HERBS!





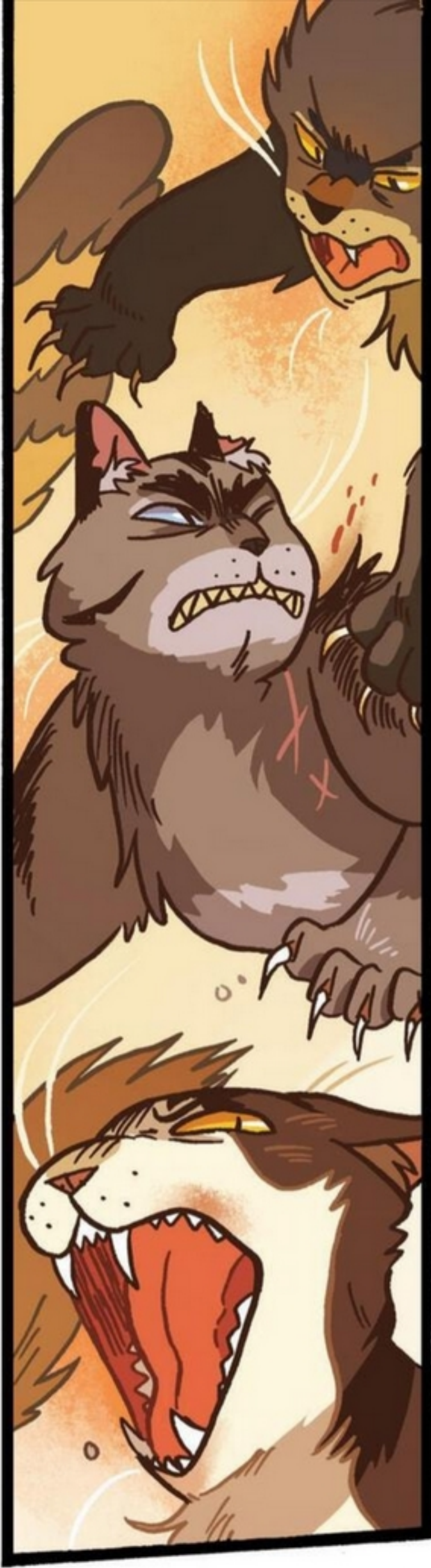
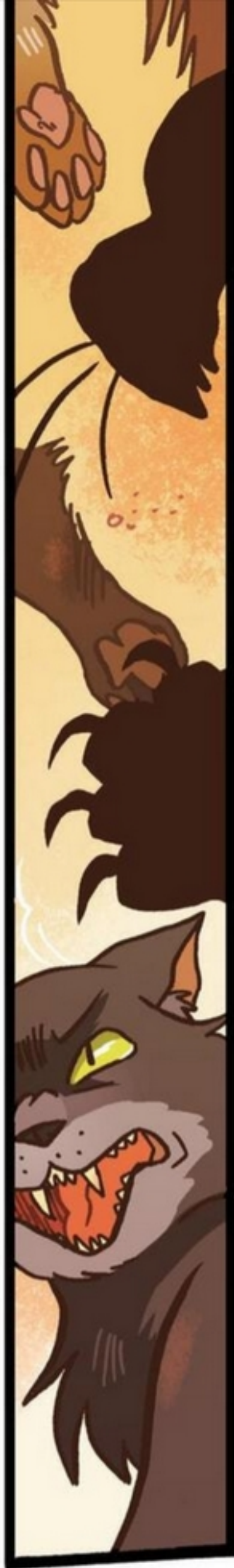






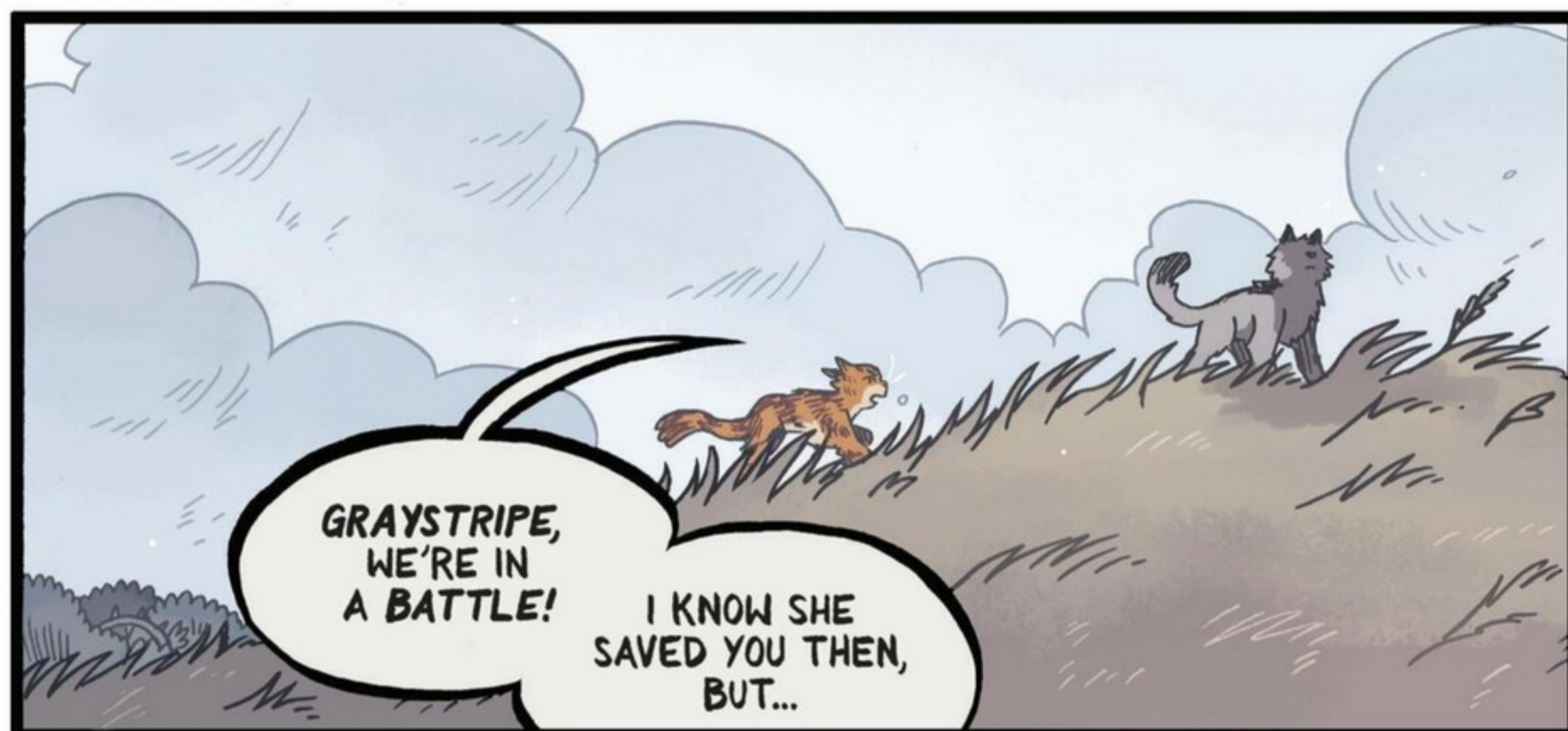














I COULDN'T
LET YOU HURT
HER BECAUSE...

SILVERSTREAM
AND I...

ARE IN
LOVE.







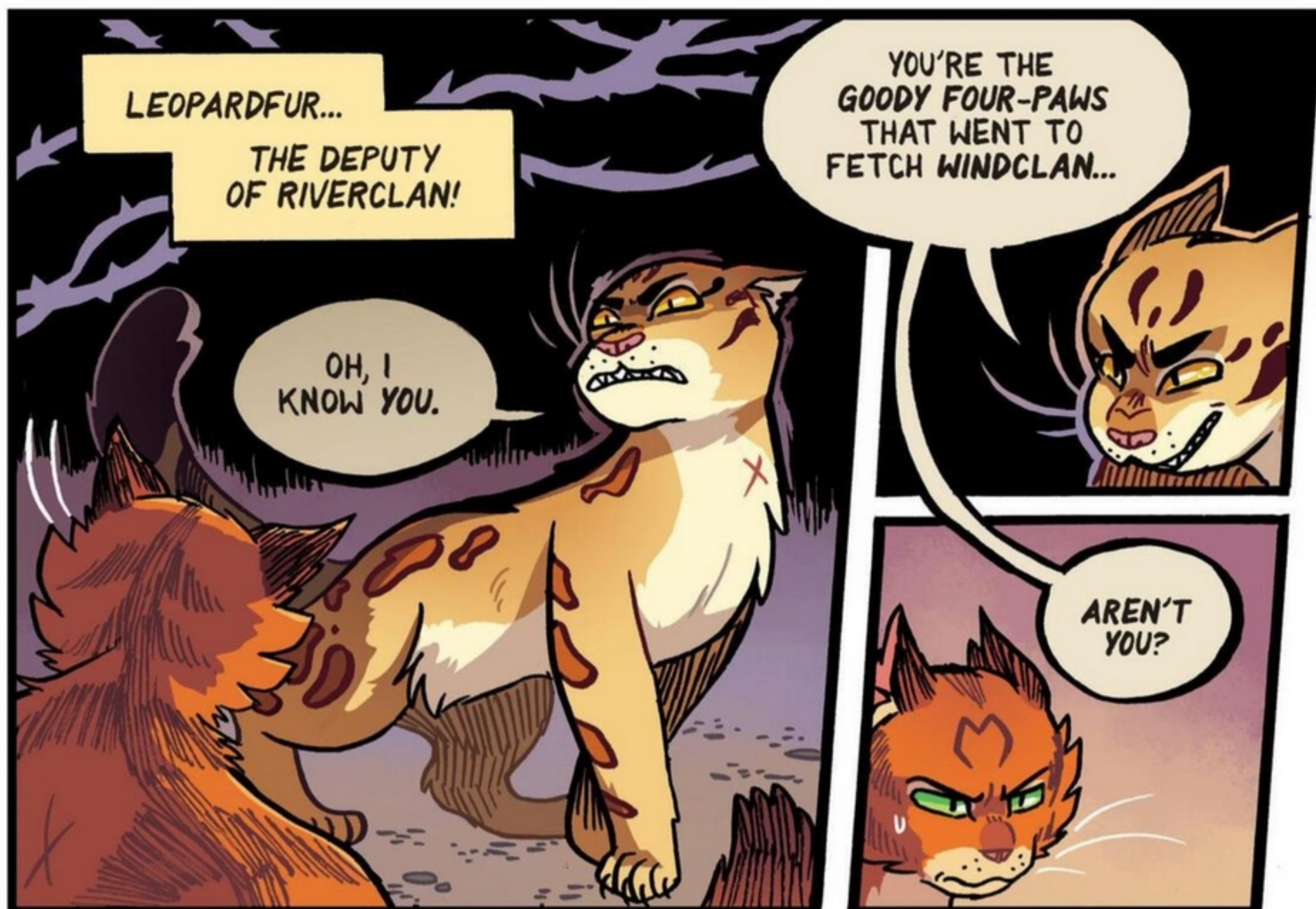
I HOPED YOU
WERE GOING TO BRING
SOME HONOR BACK
TO SHADOWCLAN...



NGH!

BUT I CAN SEE
THE COLD WIND OF
YOUR TERRITORY HAS
BLOWN OVER YOUR
HEART AS WELL.







AND YOU,
HER MEDDLING
KITTYPET...

TIGERCLAW!!

ARE GOING
TO PAY!

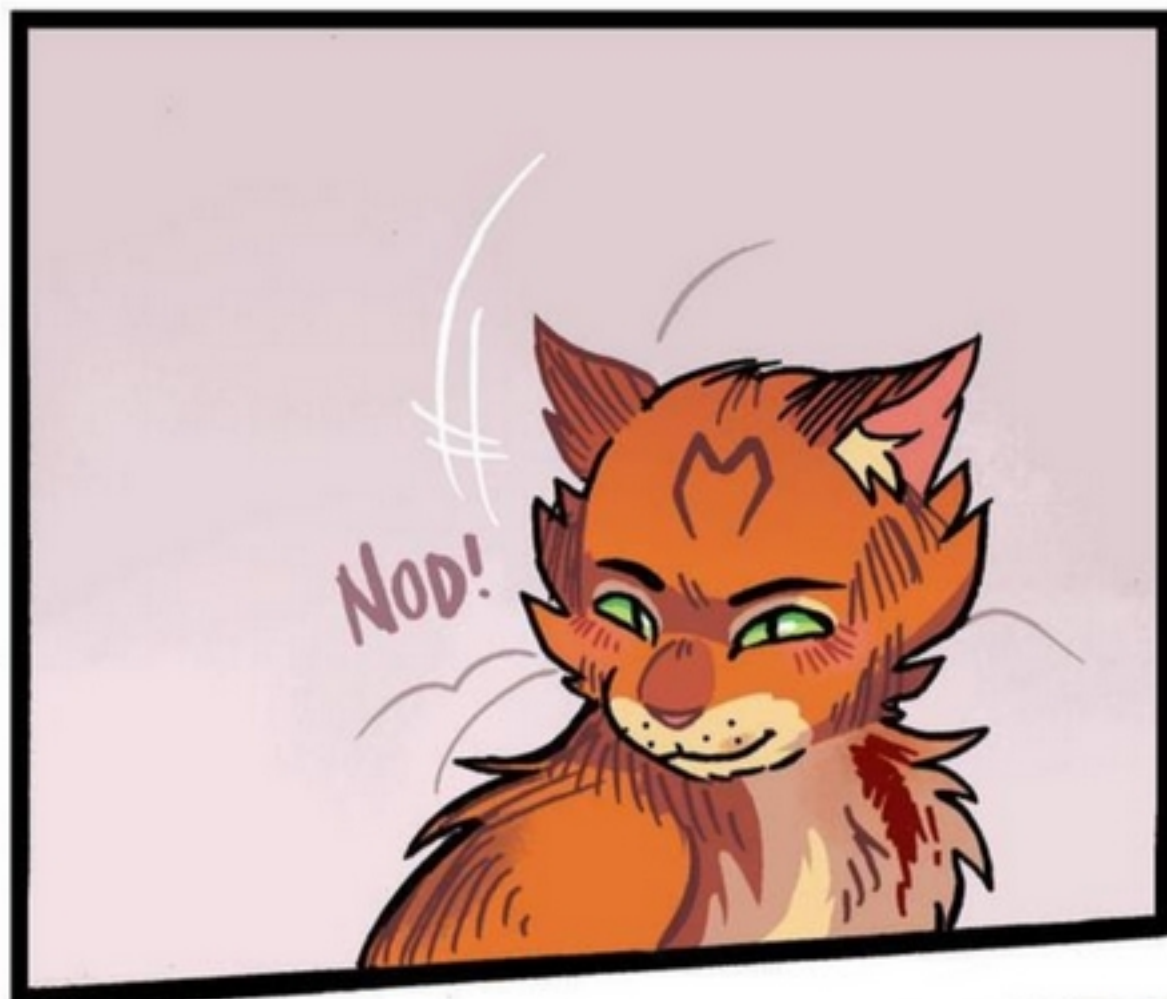
HELP ME!!



TIGERCLAW...!







SHKT!



IT'S OVER,
CROOKEDSTAR.

NOW
GET OUT!





FIREHEART!

HOW WAS THE
BATTLE?

WHAT
HAPPENED?

DID YOU
WIN?



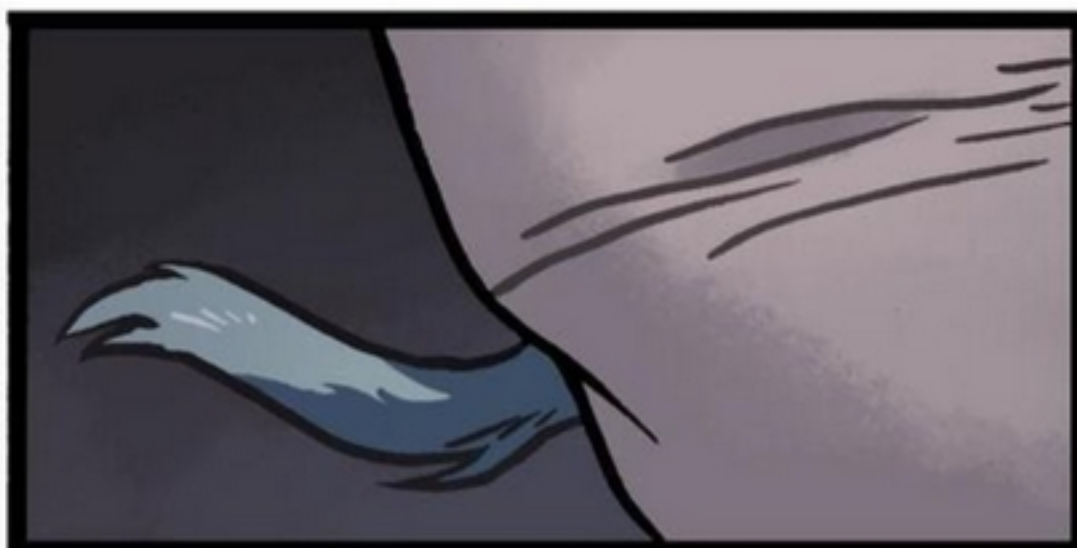
YES, WE
DEFENDED
WINDCLAN.

WHOA!!

I NOTICED THE KITTYPET
LET SOME RIVERCLAN CATS
OFF EASY, OF COURSE.











THANKS,
FIREHEART.



SOON IT WILL BE NEWLEAF
AGAIN; THE SAME SEASON
I LEFT THE LIFE OF A
KITTYPET TO LIVE AMONG
THE FOREST CATS.



TIGERCLAW SUSPECTS
THAT I KNOW HIS SECRET,
AND HE'LL DO ANYTHING
TO KEEP IT.

BUT I'M NOT
AFRAID OF HIM LIKE
RAVENPAW WAS.

I HAVE MY FRIENDS
AND I HAVE MY CLAN.

I HAVE MY OWN
FOUR PAWS AND MY
WARRIOR'S HEART.



IT WASN'T
EASY, BUT...

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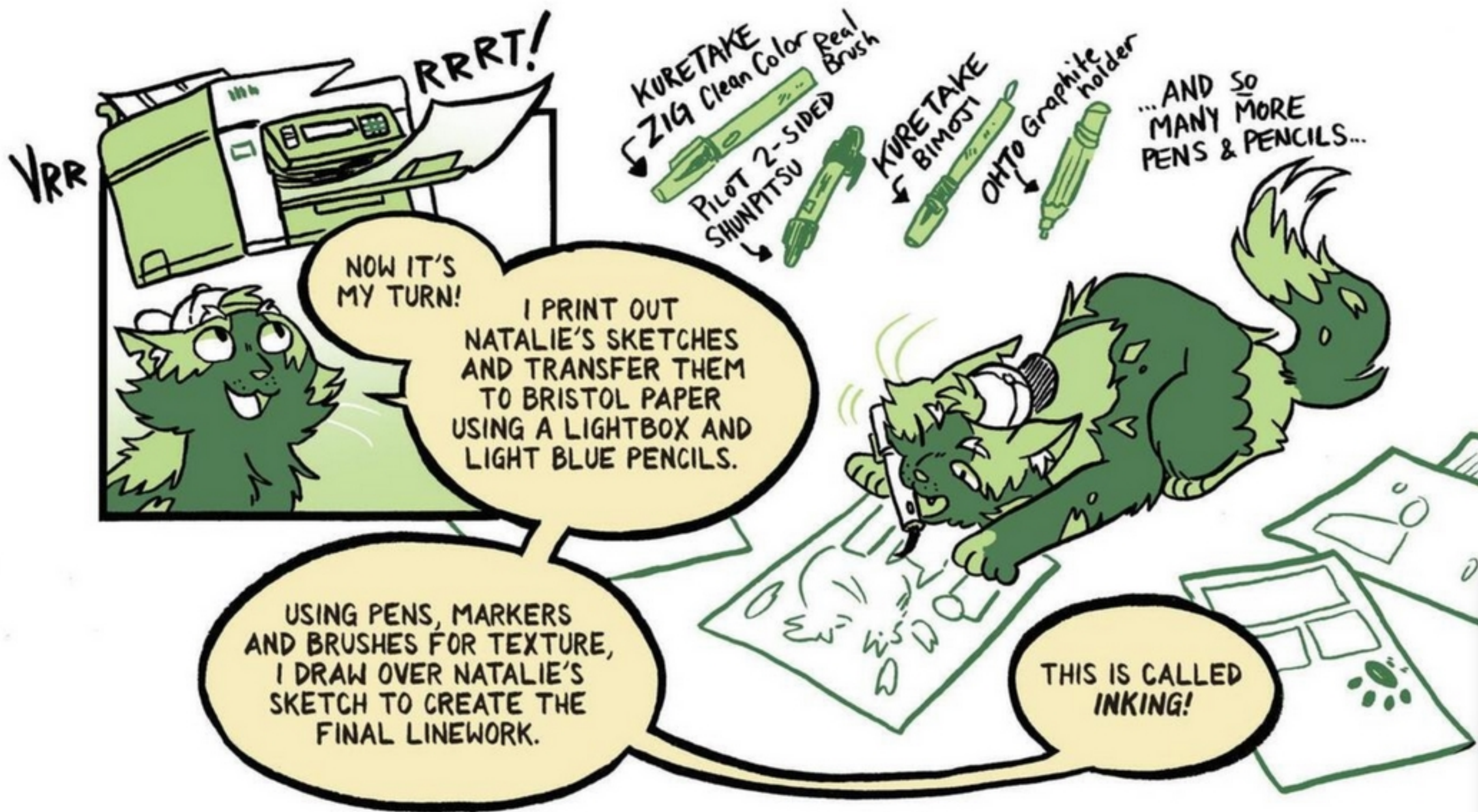
...I HAVE BECOME A
WARRIOR OF
THUNDERCLAN!

END OF BOOK ONE



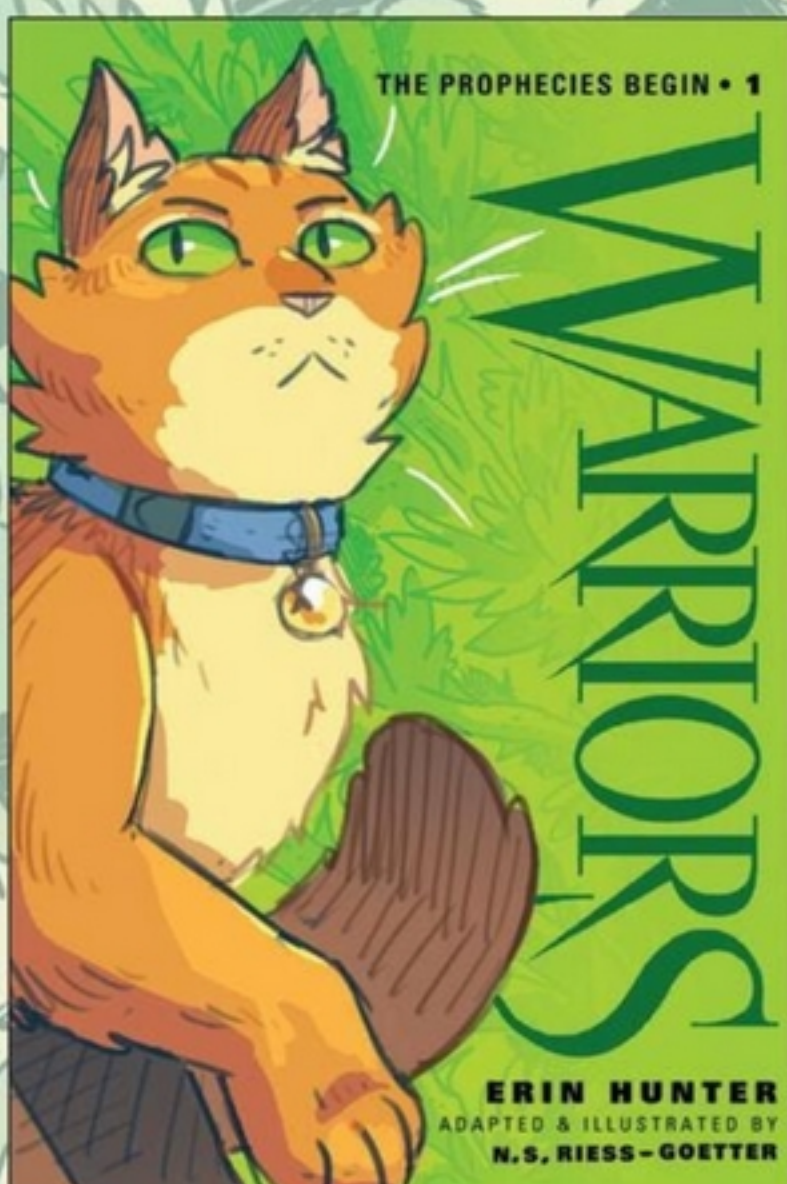
BEHIND THE SCENES...



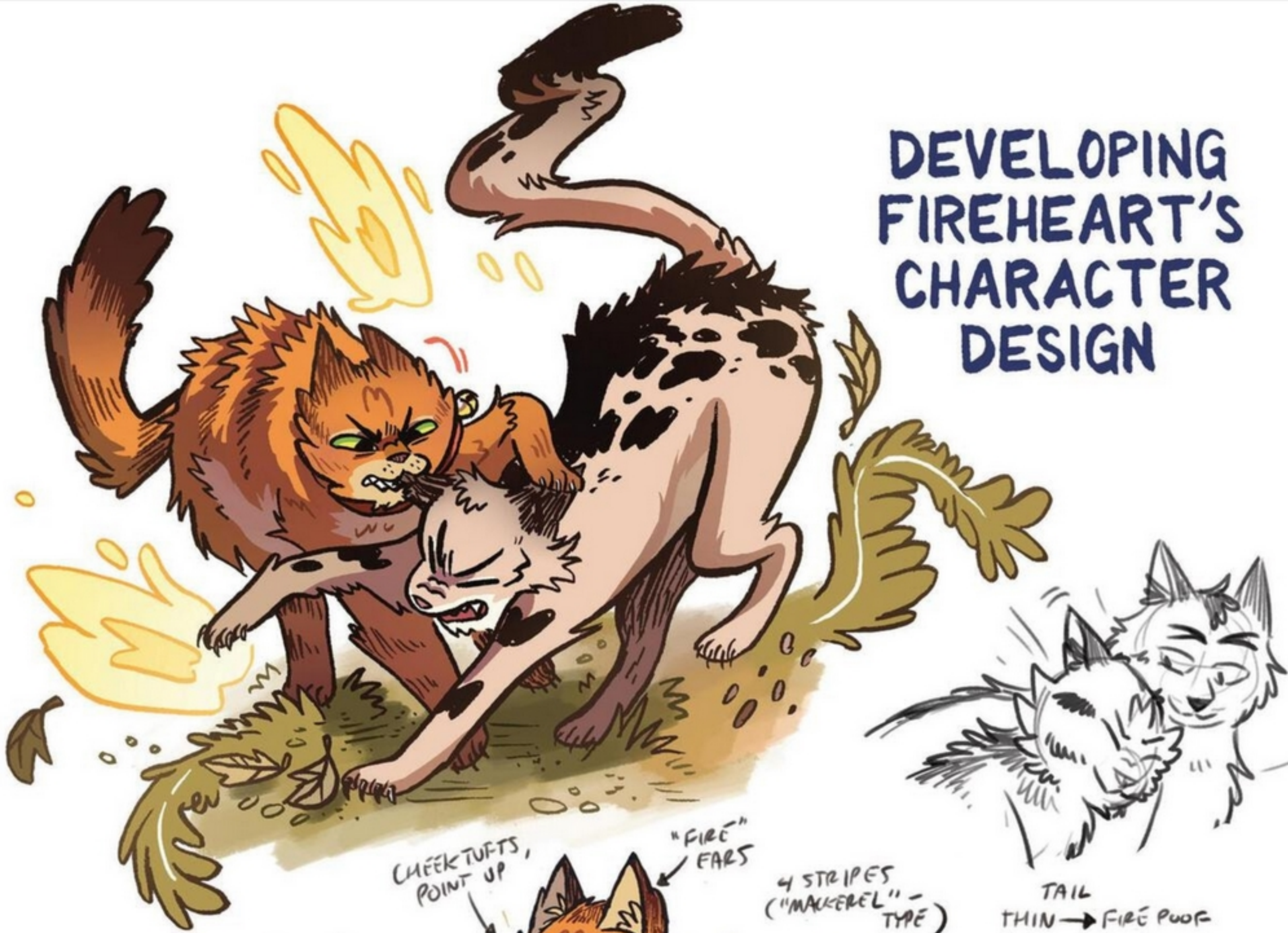




ALTERNATE COVER SKETCHES



DEVELOPING FIREHEART'S CHARACTER DESIGN



We were hoping to make him look fierce and energetic, but also kind and thoughtful...

...and maybe a little bit cute. But not too cute! He is a warrior, after all!



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